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# THE B. A. E. NEWS

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## COLLECTIONS FOR COMMUNITY CHEST AND ALLIED ORGANIZATIONS.

The following is the report of collections for the Community Chest, Washington, D. C., and allied organizations in adjacent counties, according to Miss Emily E. Clark, Bureau representative.

Agricultural Finance	Miss Laughlin	\$ 330.66
Audits & Accounts	Miss Alves	211.83
Cold Storage Reports	Mrs. Wright	91.19
Cotton Division	Mrs. Carson	1,310.50
Crop Estimates	Mrs. Peirce	837.22
Dairy and Poultry Products	Miss Bayliss	289.75
Farm Management & Costs	Miss Elder	958.22
Farm Population & Rural Life	Miss Niles	186.60
Foreign Agricultural Service	Mr. Rohrman	428.33
Fruits & Vegetables	Miss Watt )\$888.38	
" "	Mrs. Bailey) 460.30	1,348.68
Graphics	Miss Fuller	192.50
Grain Division	Mr. Sommers	405.80
Hay, Feed, & Seed	Miss Bell	430.67
Information	Miss Viehmann	387.45
Land Economics	Miss Bradshaw	486.00
Library	Miss Olcott	280.68
Livestock, Meats, & Wool	Miss Jordan)\$358.34	
" " "	Mr. Mueller) 146.82	505.16
Machine Tabulating & Computing	Mrs. Holmes	164.66
Mails & Files	Mrs. Allnutt	177.91
Office of the Chief	Miss Joyce	386.73
Personnel	Mr. Hevener	199.29
Property & Supplies	Miss Moulter	149.50
Statistical Research	Miss Ford	878.39
Stenographic Section	Mr. Gernova	154.00
Telegraph Section	Mrs. Cochran	167.87
Tobacco Section	Mrs. Eicke	122.00
Warehouse Division	Miss Smith	138.01
Total		\$11,219.60

Of this amount \$1,475.54 is for organizations outside of the District of Columbia and \$9,744.06 is for organizations within the Community Chest, Washington, D. C.

Payments are still being received, but more than nine-tenths of the pledges have already been paid in full, Miss Clark reports.

### AIR CONDITIONING MACHINE INSTALLED IN TOBACCO SECTION.

Installation of an air conditioning machine in the Tobacco Section has been completed. The equipment consists of a part of the equipment formerly maintained when the Section was located at 221 Linworth Place, minus the refrigeration portion, modified to fit the needs of the new location at 215 Eighth Street, S. W. Air ducts are provided to two conditioning rooms in the basement, and to a work room on the third floor. The modifications in the equipment and its installation were made under the direction of J. F. Barghausen, agricultural technologist of the Bureau.

No matter how dry tobacco may get, the above equipment will soon put the leaf in such a condition that it is a pleasure to work with it. It is planned, so Mr. Gage says, to try the machine out on some dry statistics.

### VOLUNTARY CHAIN FOOD STORES FIND BUREAU'S BEEF GRADING SERVICE ADVANTAGEOUS.

The success of the venture of 214 small retail grocerymen of the District of Columbia to promote their business by pooled buying and distribution from a central warehouse, has been heightened since the adoption of the Bureau's beef grading and stamping service. These retailers organized in 1921 for the purpose of reducing the costs of buying and distributing their products to meet the keen competition from the larger chain stores. The growth of the organization has been gradual. Members, practically all small dealers, are actively engaged in operating their own markets. At first only non-perishable and semi-perishable products were handled, but later fresh fruits and vegetables were added, and within the last year, fresh meats were taken on. Cold storage facilities are available in the warehouse for all products that need uniform temperatures. Railroad sidings provide facilities for unloading with a minimum of handling. No trucking is necessary. No contracts compel members to purchase their supplies through the central warehouse, but the fact that they bought \$2,300,000 worth of food products through it last year indicates that any outside purchases must have been relatively unimportant. Groceries represent approximately 50 per cent of their products; meats and butter, 30 per cent; and fresh fruits and vegetables, 20 per cent.

Coincident with the opening of the fresh meat cooler last year, the Bureau's beef grading and stamping service was requested. Beef is purchased principally from middle western packing plants and unloaded direct from cars to the wholesale cooler, where it is graded and stamped by a Government grader. The increase in this phase of the business, which now amounts to approximately 90,000 pounds a week, is attributed by officials of the organization to the high degree of uniformity that is maintained through Government grading; in fact, the president has gone so far as to say that in his opinion the increase could not have been shown had the service not been adopted.



SIR HORACE PLUNKETT'S DEATH RECALLS  
HIS PLEASANT RELATIONS WITH THE BUREAU.

News of the death at Weybridge, Surrey, England, March 26, of Sir Horace Plunkett, who inaugurated and led the cooperative farming movement in Ireland, his native country, and in England, was received in the Bureau with deep regret. Recollections are many among the Bureau staff of his visit here in 1923, when he made many friends. At that time Sir Horace was engaged on a special study, in the pursuit of which he made use of available records in the Bureau and Department and for which he expressed sincere gratitude.

On this visit Sir Horace gave an informal talk on cooperation before a small group in the Office of the Chief, which was mimeographed and distributed among the official staff. Copies of this talk are still in the files and have been referred to recently by a Bureau official as "A very human document."

Dr. C. J. Galpin, in charge of the Division of Farm Population, made the acquaintance of Sir Horace in about 1912, when the latter was visiting this country in an effort to regain his health; renewed that acquaintance upon the occasion of his later visit in 1923, and kept in rather close touch with him thereafter through correspondence and in interviews and travel with him in Europe. His letters to Doctor Galpin are of particular interest because of the light they throw on the cooperative movement both in England and in this country. In December, 1928, he wrote:

"I am engaged on what was to have been a pamphlet but has grown into a little book on the agricultural situation in England. The general economic position of the country is causing anxiety and I am seizing the opportunity of calling attention to the grave error of leaving the rural community out of consideration in all big economic discussions. Like yourself I am more interested in the social aspects of the rural problem but my distinctive line has always been to treat the problem on the lines indicated by the formula I gave to President Roosevelt - Better Farming, Better Business, Better Living, and I shall keep on preaching that doctrine until I cease to trouble this world."

Doctor Galpin dedicated to Sir Horace "The Systematic Source Book in Rural Sociology," of which Doctor Galpin is joint author with P. Sorokin and C. C. Zimmerman. In acknowledging this dedication, Sir Horace wrote in February, 1931:

"The Roosevelt of your vast continent and his humble follower in my small island may claim to have been among the early prophets who foresaw the vital importance of the sociological factor in the threefold rural problem of the countries which subordinated the basic to the subsidiary industries. When you first devoted your life to this factor I was not to know. I have even forgotten the date of my first interview with you when we found that we were engaged in the same work. I can only attribute to your kindly fellow-feeling your belief that I played more than an insignificant part in supporting the threefold aspect of the rural problem, with Better Farming and Better Business as the means to the end of Better Living."

FEDERAL-STATE EGG GRADING STATIONS IN  
VIRGINIA PROVE POPULAR WITH PRODUCERS.

Cecil Rogers, Federal-State supervisor of the Egg Grading Service in Virginia, in which the Virginia Division of Markets and the Bureau of Agricultural Economics are cooperating, makes the following report in a recent letter to the Bureau:

"The Federal-State egg grading stations in Virginia are now shipping approximately 850 cases of eggs per week to the New York market. Between 250 and 350 cases are going to Washington, D. C., from Harrisonburg. This means that approximately 1200 cases of eggs per week are candled and graded under Federal-State supervision. The producers, as a whole, are very much interested in the grading. The majority of the stations are returning to the producers from  $2\frac{1}{2}$  to 5 cents per dozen, net, above the local market prices. You can readily see that the producers are reaping a benefit through this service and that it is proving to be very satisfactory to them."

INSTRUCTIONS FOR REQUISITIONING  
LOOSELEAF BINDERS.

When requisitioning looseleaf binders be sure to mention the binding side first in giving the size of the sheet; for instance, if the long side of the sheet is the binding edge, the size should be shown as 11 x  $8\frac{1}{2}$ , not  $8\frac{1}{2}$  x 11. Also the size of the sheet should be given, not the dimensions of the binder itself. If other than the ordinary ring binders are being requested, it is always best to submit a sample sheet with your requisition, Mr. Pevare says.

IN CONGRESS:

H. R. 10236, the Revenue Bill of 1932, to provide revenue, equalize taxation, and for other purposes, passed the House on April 1.

H. R. 6662, a bill to amend the tariff act of 1930, which was passed by the House in January, is now under consideration in the Senate.

New Bills:

S. 4236, by Senator Thomas, to aid farmers in obtaining loans from the Federal Farm Loan Board or other governmental agencies.

S. 4280, by Senators Carey and Steiwer, to provide for the creation of regional agricultural credit corporations for making loans and advances to farmers for crop and livestock production and for other purposes.

H. R. 11011, by Mr. Cochran, to establish a public-works administration and transfer to, and consolidate and coordinate therein all the public-works activities of the Government.

H. R. 11014 and H. R. 11015, by Mr. Johnson, to provide Federal aid for the terracing of lands in the watersheds of tributary streams of the Mississippi River and for construction of reservoirs on tributary streams of the Mississippi River.

H. J. Res. 348, by Mr. McLeod, authorizing appointment of a commission to study the causes and remedy of business cycles and unemployment.

H. Res. 181, by Mr. May, requesting that the President of the United States be called upon to furnish complete data of unnecessary bureaus and employees of the United States Government.



BUREAU NOON-FOUR RADIO  
BROADCASTING PROGRAM.

The National radio program of the Department is broadcast daily except Sundays, from 12:54 to 1:10 p.m., eastern standard time. The following members of this Bureau are on the program for the week beginning April 11:

April 13, 12:54 p.m., C. V. Whalin, April Cattle Markets  
1:00 p.m., C. A. Burmeister, April Hog Markets  
1:05 p.m., C. L. Harlan, April Lamb Markets  
April 15, 12:54 p.m., J. B. Shepard, Trend of Milk Production  
1:00 p.m., W. B. Lanham, Grade and Staple of the 1931  
Cotton Crop

The western radio program of the Department is broadcast daily, except Saturdays and Sundays, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., Pacific standard time. Field members of the Bureau are on the program for the week beginning April 11, as follows:

April 11, 12:34 p.m., Frank L. Lyons, The Grain Market Situation  
April 12, 12:36 p.m., Frank H. McCampbell, The Dairy and Poultry  
Market Situation  
April 13, 12:34 p.m., W. E. Schneider, April Cattle Markets  
April 14, 12:37 p.m., Carl J. Hansen, On Fruit and Vegetable Mar-  
kets.

BUREAU BREVITIES.

ADJUSTING CORN BELT FARMING TO MEET CORN-BORER CONDITIONS is the title of Farmers' Bulletin 1681 just off the press. In this bulletin Kenneth H. Myers discusses, among other things, the supply of cash crops grown in the Corn Belt in relation to consumption requirements, the possible effect of corn-borer infestation on farm organization, the control of the corn-borer, adjustments for corn-borer control, and factors affecting cost of control.

THE JOURNAL OF FARM ECONOMICS for January, 1932, received in the Bureau in March, contained the following contributions by members of the Bureau, based upon addresses at the last Annual meeting of the association.

Articles, entitled -

"Adjustments in Taxation," by Eric Englund;

"Adjustments in Credit," and "Agricultural Credit and the Economic Organization," by Norman J. Wall, Division of Agricultural Finance;

"The Human Factor from the Viewpoint of Farm Management," by W. W. Wilcox, Division of Farm Management and Costs, and

"The Human Factor from the Viewpoint of Social Relations," by T. B. Manny, Division of Farm Population and Rural Life.

A discussion by Lawrence Myers, Division of Statistical and Historical Research, of the article, entitled "Certain Aspects of the Outlook for American Agriculture During the Next Ten Years," by W. E. Grimes.

FARM-MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS IN SHIFTING FROM SACK TO BULK HANDLING OF GRAIN IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST are discussed by Neil W. Johnson and associated authors from the Pacific Northwest States in Technical Bulletin No. 287 now being distributed. This bulletin gives special attention to the costs in the two methods of handling, equipment required, savings, and retarding influences in shifting to bulk handling. An ultimate shift to bulk handling over much of the Pacific Northwest is stated to be desirable and may be expected but the bulletin suggests that the change should be made cautiously.

IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending April 1 are:

- Beard, Charles Austin, ed. America faces the future. Boston and New York, Houghton Mifflin company, 1932. 416 p. 280.12 B38
- Hayek, Friedrich August von. Geldtheorie und konjunkturtheorie. Wien Leipzig, Hölder-Pichler-Tempsky a.g., 1929. 147 p. 284 H32G  
(Added t.-p.: Beitrage zur konjunkturforschung, hrsg. vom Österreichischen institut für konjunkturforschung. 1)
- Imperial sugar cane research conference, London, 1931. Report of proceedings. January, 1932. London, H. M. Stationery off., 1932. 176 p. 281.365 Im7
- International labor office, Geneva. An international enquiry into costs of living a comparative study of workers' living costs in Detroit (U.S.A.) and fourteen European cities. Geneva, London, International labour office, 1931. 209 p. 284.4 In81 (International labor office. Studies and reports. Ser.n.(Statistics) no.17)
- Koch-Weser, Geert. Die standardisierung in der milchwirtschaft. Berlin, P. Parey, 1931, 115 p. 280.344 K81
- Mazur, Paul Myer. New roads to prosperity; the crisis and some ways out. New York, The Viking press, 1931. 194 p. 280 M453.
- Nakagawa, Seis2. Rationalization of industry in America, symposium of opinions by leading American and Japanese businessmen. Tokyo, Tenzinsha, 1930. 179 p. J 280.12 N14
- Ostrolenk, Bernhard. The surplus farmer. New York and London, Harper & brothers, 1932. 135 p. (Current econcmic problems, ed. by P. T. Homan.)
- Social science research council. Committee on scientific method in the social sciences. Methods in social science, a case book, compiled under the direction of the Committee on scientific method in the social sciences of the Social science research council, edited by Stuart A. Rice... Chicago, Ill., The University of Chicago press [1931] 822 p. 280 Sol2
- U. S. Congress. House. Committee on ways and means. Revenue revision, 1932. Hearings before the Committee on ways and means, House of representatives, Seventy-second Congress, first session. Indexed. January 13 to 27, and February 2 to 4, 1932. Washington, U. S. Govt. print. off., 1932. 1237 p.284 Un391R.
- Warriner, Doreen. Combines and rationalisation in Germany, 1924-1928. London, P. S. King & son ltd., 1931. 226 p. 280.175 W25

HERE AND THERE.

Albert C. Poulton, who has been in Washington for the last five days, conferring with officials of the Division of Cotton Marketing about his work, returned to Memphis on Monday.

Carlos Campbell, Division of Statistical and Historical Research, will attend the meeting of the Tri-State Packers Association in Baltimore, Md., April 12, and discuss "The Relations of Acreage and Consumption to Prices of Canned Corn.

Dr. D. A. Coleman, in charge of the Milling, Baking and Chemical Laboratory, Grain Division, is going into the field today (April 6) to consult the Federal grain supervisors at Toledo, Indianapolis, St. Louis and Chicago, offices of the Tri-State Soft Wheat Improvement Association at Toledo, and representatives of the Agricultural Experiment Stations in the States of Michigan, Ohio and Indiana, with reference to a program of investigational work pertaining to the uses and inspection of soft red winter wheat.

C. E. Eckles, Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, left Washington Tuesday morning for Philadelphia and New York City, to check the standards for butter used by the Bureau's graders in those markets and to ascertain the possibilities of grading butter by use of a more direct and new method of determining the final grade of score of a lot of butter graded. He will be engaged in this work for the rest of the week.

O. N. Harsha and C. R. Newton, of the Regulatory Branch, Division of Fruits and Vegetables, are on an extended trip to various points in western States, from Chicago to the Pacific Coast. On April 5 they attended a hearing at Spokane of the case against the Robert T. Cochran Company under the Produce Agency Act. The main purpose of their trip is to make investigations in cases under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act and the Produce Agency Act.

The post-office box number of the Savannah, Georgia, office of the Division of Cotton Marketing was changed from No. 354 to No. 154, effective April 1.

Dr. John H. Parker, professor of agronomy and plant breeding of the Kansas State Agricultural College, who is giving a series of lectures on genetics and plant breeding at Cornell University this year, was a visitor in the Bureau April 1 and 2. Doctor Parker is planning the organization of plant breeding work at Manhattan and Fort Hays, Kansas, with reference to the improvement of barley varieties adapted to the production of high class malting barley. While in the Bureau he held conferences with members of the Grain Division pertaining to the grain standardization features of this new work. Doctor Parker is a brother of E. C. Parker of this Bureau.



Millard L. Garner of Jackson, Miss., Division of Cotton Marketing, has been called to Washington to assist in tabulating and preparing a report on studies of prices of cotton which have been conducted by the division in cooperation with the Mississippi Agricultural Experiment Station. Upon completion of his work in Washington he will go to Starkville, Miss., in continuation of the study, returning to his official station about June 30.

Miss Ethel B. Macrae, junior clerk-stenographer, will report in Washington in the Division of Hay, Feed, and Seed, the latter part of this week, by transfer from the Kansas City office of the division.

W. M. King, Division of Hay, Feed, and Seed, left Washington April 3 for New York City and Brooklyn, N. Y., Philadelphia, Pa., and Norfolk and Front Royal, Va., where he will supervise the work of the Army hay inspectors. He will return to Washington about April 20.

S. L. Byerly, who is now in charge of the Nashville office of the Division of Livestock, Meats, and Wool, is scheduled to leave for Louisville, Ky., about April 7 or 8, to assume charge of the division's office at that point.

Hughes Butterworth of Columbia, S. C., Division of Cotton Marketing, has been assigned to assist with spinning tests on cotton which are being conducted at Clemson Agricultural College. He will return to Columbia about July 31.

L. C. Carey, T. C. J. Baker, and Martin Storey, of the Standard Container Project, Division of Fruits and Vegetables, are in Norfolk, Va., and Murfreesboro, N. C., this week, making investigations in connection with the enforcement of the Standard Container Acts and conducting research work in the way of experimental tests of bushel baskets and other containers.

Miss Reba Craven of the Foreign Agricultural Service, who was critically ill following a recent operation at Sibley Hospital, is reported to be making splendid progress toward recovery. Her associates hope for her early return to the office.

A committee, authorized to draft, for the approval of the Director of Information, the rules to be followed in preparing bibliographies for printing by the Department of Agriculture, has been appointed by M. C. Merrill, Chief of Publications. The committee will meet at the call of the chairman.

C. Whitlock, bibliographical editor, Division of Publications, chairman; Miss Emma B. Hawks, associate librarian, Main Library; Miss Margaret T. Olcott, assistant librarian, Bureau of Agricultural Economics; D. S. Burch, in charge Editorial and Agricultural Information, Bureau of Animal Industry; S. D. Frissell, in charge Editorial Work, Bureau of Chemistry and Soils; Miss Ruth Van Deman, in charge of Information, Bureau of Home Economics; Miss Jessie M. Allen, assistant librarian, in charge Bureau of Plant Industry Library.

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## BACK-TO-LAND MOVEMENT NEEDS SAFEGUARDS. NATIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE SAYS.

Safeguards that will prevent exploitation of those who are now going back to the land, and that will prevent the creation of new land use problems, came up for discussion as the National Land Use Planning Committee ended on April 7 a four-day meeting at the Department of Agriculture. A program providing such safeguards will be presented for the approval of the National Advisory and Legislative Committee on Land Use when it meets at the Department May 2-4. The planning committee will meet again the week of June 20.

Three groups are now moving back to the land, the committee learned. In the first group are those who left the farm a few years ago, but are now returning to a place of refuge, usually with their relatives. In the second group are those going back to the land simply to obtain food and shelter, and who are renting or cropping from any landowners willing to give them a chance. The third group includes those who have enough money to make a small down payment on a farm.

In one northeastern Ohio county, Dr. T. B. Manny of the Division of Farm Population and Rural Life told the committee, one of every three farms visited was occupied within the last two years by persons formerly employed in the cities. Most of these farms, many of them sold for taxes or foreclosed and so bought at low prices, were bought by people who have immigrated to the United States from middle and southern Europe within the last generation.

Native ingenuity and thrift are in the saddle, the investigators reported. One plowing outfit seen consisted of an old touring-car minus tires, with sticks tied to the wheels to provide traction, pulling an aged plow. The farmer drove the car and his wife guided the plow.

The need for Federal and State taxation systems that will be coordinate, rather than competitive, was expressed to the committee. Tax levies ought to be so adjusted as to permit and promote the desired form of land use. But because this would involve reduction of taxes on land, governments would have to get more of their revenue from other sources. Competition for sources of revenue, already in evidence, would increase. The problem of Federal-State coordination must be solved, the committee was told, before anyone can write an adequate answer to the tax problems involved in land-use planning.

Sam H. Thompson, member of the Federal Farm Board, John H. Guill of the Federal Farm Loan Board, and Mr. Olsen, acting as a subcommittee, presented a tentative program for the more orderly disposal of foreclosed lands. They were instructed to confer with the institutions holding these lands, with prospective land buyers, and others interested. The desirability of helping dispossessed farmers make a fresh start on a sound economic basis, was emphasized.

U. S. Dept. of Agriculture Library,  
Attn. Miss Trolinger,  
4 J Washington, D. C.



SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS TO BE GIVEN COTTON  
FORCE ON LAW, REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS.

The Division of Cotton Marketing is planning a special course of study of cotton classing which will be open to the chairmen of Boards of Cotton Examiners and Classification Committees now functioning under the United States Cotton Futures Act, the United States Cotton Standards Act, and the Mayfield-Jones Act. Others in attendance will include members of the Board of Supervising Cotton Examiners at Memphis, Tenn., and field supervisors of licensed cotton classers in the employ of others.

Those attending will report first at Clemson College, S. C., on April 25 for conference and instruction on cotton quality as related to spinning and manufacture, and will thereafter proceed to Washington where they will spend two weeks with members of the Washington staff of the Division of Cotton Marketing in reviewing the law and regulations governing classing and in the study of the official cotton standards and their application.

AGRICULTURAL HISTORY SOCIETY TO HOLD  
ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER THIS WEEK.

The fifteenth annual dinner and meeting of the Agricultural History Society will be held Friday, April 15, at the Cosmos Club, Madison Place and H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m.; the business meeting and program, at 8:00 p.m. Dr. Joseph Schafer, superintendent of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin and the Agricultural History Society's president for the current year, will give an address on "Some Enduring Factors in Rural Polity." Dr. John D. Black of the Federal Farm Board will lead the discussion of the address.

The nominating committee has submitted to members the following names for officers for 1932-1933: President, Dr. Ulrich B. Phillips, professor of history, Yale University; vice-president, Dr. L. C. Gray, this Bureau; secretary-treasurer, Dr. O. C. Stine, this Bureau; executive committee, Miss Mary G. Lacy, this Bureau, and Dr. Russell H. Anderson, Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago, Ill.

The Agricultural History Society was organized in 1919 to promote interest, study, and research in the history of agriculture. It now has 320 members, a number of whom are Bureau employees.

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LOUIS R. MEREDITH
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Louis R. Meredith, an employee of the Telegraph Section in Washington for the last twelve years, died suddenly at his home on Saturday, April 9.

Mr. Meredith was a veteran of the Spanish-American War and was buried in Arlington Cemetery with military honors on Tuesday afternoon, April 12. He was a faithful employee who will be greatly missed by his fellow workers.

A NEW INDUSTRY AND NEW METHOD OF MARKETING  
CLAIM ATTENTION OF MESSRS. SLOCUM AND HEITZ.

A test of the tentative grades for dressed domestic rabbits, recently drawn by the Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, was recently made by Rob R. Slocum and T. W. Heitz of the division, to determine how they apply to the rabbits of a large rabbit slaughtering establishment in Pennsylvania. At this plant several thousand domestic rabbits are slaughtered weekly and certain advanced methods of preparing the rabbits for sale have been developed. Instead of selling the whole carcass, to which there has been encountered more or less sales resistance on the part of housewives because of the appearance of the carcass, the plant has developed a method of cutting each half of the carcass into five pieces and of packing these pieces in a box with a transparent top. This makes an attractive package and gets away from the objection which was previously made on account of appearance. The fact that the rabbits are already cut up ready for use is an advantage to housewives and has increased sales. The rabbits are sold either in a fresh condition or are quickly frozen by means of dry ice. Refrigerated trucks are used for their delivery.

The company employs some of the methods of meat packing establishments in that it attempts to make use of all parts of the carcass. The pelts are cured and sold; the front feet are made into charms; the hind feet are converted into makeup sticks for the use of theatrical people.

At the plant is also a large breeding establishment, with several thousand rabbits. Rabbits are also purchased from growers in the surrounding country. Experiments are being made with the development of canned rabbit products, such as "Rabbit a la King" and "Rabbit and Egg Noodles," and the company expects to place these products on the market in the near future.

Members of the company are very much interested in the Bureau's inspection and grading service for their dressed rabbits, but do not feel that their present volume of business would permit them to undertake it at the present time.

Mr. Slocum and Mr. Heitz visited the egg auctions at Doylestown, Pa., and Flemington, N. J. These egg auctions represent a rather recent development in the marketing of newly laid, high quality eggs from nearby points. The eggs are graded by the producer for size and shell color. They are then delivered at the auction room, where each case is inspected by the official inspector employed by the State. If the eggs are found to conform to the State grades under which the auction is conducted, an official grade label is placed on the end of the case, showing the grade and size. Eggs which do not conform to the grades sold in the auction are pooled and candled into grades which do conform. The eggs which are found to meet the grades are sold according to individual producers' numbers, as well as grades. The eggs are offered at the auction in lots of from two to five cases and auctioned off to the highest bidder. These eggs are sold principally to buyers who have outlets to retail stores or who have established egg or milk routes and sell direct to the consumer.

The auctions have had a considerable influence on the marketing of the eggs and have in general netted the producers higher prices than could be obtained by shipping the eggs into New York City or other large markets. The costs involved in the marketing are also less than where the eggs are shipped into the cities.

While the egg grades used in these auctions are the official State grades, they are based upon the U. S. grades and follow them closely.



LCNDCN RADIO STATION OF SHIPPING BOARD  
MERCHANT FLEET CORPORATION TO BE CLOSED.

Owing to the discontinuance of the United States Shipping Board Merchant Fleet Corporation, the London radio station operated and maintained by that organization will be operated and discontinued on April 30. On that date all cable communications to London and its relay points, which includes all of England, France, Germany, Spain, Holland, Poland, and Italy, must be transmitted by commercial cable or via radio facilities of the Radio Corporation of America.

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BROADCASTING PROGRAM.

The national radio program of the Department is broadcast daily except Sundays, from 12:54 to 1:10 p.m., eastern standard time. The following members of this Bureau are on the program for the week beginning April 18:

April 18, 12:53 p.m., G. A. Collier, April Grain Markets

1:07 p.m., A. G. Peterson, The Price Situation

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April 18, 12:34 p.m., Frank L. Lyons, The Grain Market Situation

April 20, 12:35 p.m., W. E. Schneider, Progress in Spring Lamb  
Marketing

April 22, 12:34 p.m., Carl J. Hansen, On Fruit and Vegetable  
Markets.

IN CONGRESS:

The conferees on the Agricultural appropriation bill have submitted a report but this has not yet been adopted. The conferees eliminated the amount which was added by the Senate to the appropriation for Foreign Competition and Demand, \$9,000, and the \$25,000 added to Farm Management. The item for the Market News Service was not agreed upon.

H. R. 10236, the Revenue Bill of 1932, to provide revenue, equalize taxation, and for other purposes, has been referred to the Committee on Finance of the Senate and hearings are being held.

New Bills.

H. R. 11119, by Mr. Kleberg, to amend the act entitled, "an act defining butter also imposing a tax upon and regulating the manufacture, sale, importation and exportation of oleomargarine."

S. 4323, by Senator Wheeler, to provide emergency financing facilities to aid in financing agriculture and for other purposes. A similar bill, H. R. 11156 was introduced by Mr. Garber.

H. J. Res. 352, by Mr. Jones, authorizing and directing the Secretary of Agriculture to request allocation of funds, also to establish a research laboratory for utilizing cotton, cotton hulls, seed, linters and waste farm products.

S. J. Res. 135, by Senator Jones, creating a joint commission concerning the coordination and economical administration of the executive departments and independent establishments of the Government.

H. R. 11077, by Mr. Martin, to prohibit the importation of articles from certain countries, and for other purposes.

H. R. 11113, by Mr. Hall, to prohibit the importation of any article or merchandise from the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.



MANUSCRIPTS SUBMITTED BY THE BUREAU DURING MARCH:

The following manuscripts were submitted to the Division of Publications during March:

Bercaw, L. O. and Colvin, E. M.: Bibliography on the Marketing of Agricultural Products. (Supplement to Miscellaneous Circular 35). For Miscellaneous Publication.

Buck, W. M.: Preparing wool for market. For Leaflet.

Heitz, T. W.: Dressing and packing turkeys for market. For Farmers Bulletin.

Manny, T. B.: What Ohio Farmers Think of their Farmer-Owned Business Organization. For Circular.

The following articles have been approved for publication in the periodicals named:

Bean, L. H.: Business conditions in relation to the 1932 potato situation. For The Potato World.

Booker, G. F.: As the retailer sees it. For Seed Trade News.

Clay, H. J.: Beekeepers aid in keeping honey prices relatively satisfactory. For Gleanings in Bee Culture.

Davis, W. C.: Fresh meat "mass" buying found successful. For Butchers and Packers Magazine.

Englund, E. and Garlock, F. L.: Reconstruction credit and the farmer. For Successful Farming.

Englund, E. and Garlock, F. L.: Getting help from the Federal intermediate credit banks. For Successful Farming.

Griffin, M. Y.: Activities of the Kansas City Livestock, Meats, and Wool Division. For The Kansas Citian.

Harris, C. M.: Activities of the Livestock, Meats and Wool Division in Philadelphia. For Philadelphia Papers.

Johnson, O. M.: Relation of farm real estate values and earnings to tenancy. For Bul. of the Social Science Research Council.

Morris, E. L.: Federal grain supervision. For Kansas Citian.

Peterson, A. G.: Index numbers of exports and imports and barter terms of trade in agricultural products. For Bul. of Social Science Research Council.

Powers, G. H.: Mechanical aid to egg candling. For New England Poultryman.

Stauber, B. R.: Research relating to farm real estate values. For Bul. of Social Science Research Council.

Whalin, C.V. and Davis, W.C.: Beef grading and stamping service and grade standards for cattle. For The Producer.

BUREAU BREVITIES.

LAND UTILIZATION IN LAUREL COUNTY, KY., is the title of Technical Bulletin 289 which came from the press just in time for the Land-Use Committee meeting. This bulletin, which contains three folding maps (one in color), besides other illustrations and many tables, is the result of an intensive study made by C. F. Clayton in cooperation with the Kentucky Agricultural Experiment Station, and is the first of a loosely related group of publications on land utilization that is being published by the Bureau this spring. Among the topics considered in this bulletin are: Major uses of the land; physical characteristics of crop and pasture land; utilization of land for crops, for pastures, and for woodland; farm organization in relation to land characteristics; sources and value of the family living in relation to land characteristics; population and population changes in relation to land utilization; and community conditions and problems.

THE FIRST PUBLICATIONS OF THE WORLD AGRICULTURAL CENSUS, covering the census for the Irish Free State, Bulletin No. 1, printed in English, and for Estonia, Bulletin No. 2, printed in French, have been received from the International Institute of Agriculture. This Department does not have these publications for distribution, but they are sold for 10 lire each by the publishers, Treves, Treccani, Tumminelli, S. A., 32, via Michelangelo Caetani, Rome (115) Italy.

JOHN BROWN, A FRUIT AND VEGETABLE GROWER OF CONNEAUT, OHIO, conveys a message to the Standard Container Project of the Division of Fruits and Vegetables, about a 12-quart splint basket which he wants tested, on the back of his business card which contains the following cheery jingle. As pointed out by Miss Beulah Chamberlain of that project, "John Brown's body is not a-moulding in the grave" if he can thus poetize when so many other correspondents make depression their chief topic.

I am a rube and my name is Brown,  
Lizzie and I just came to town;  
Our tires are bad and our bolts are loose,  
But we grow a lot of good produce.

AN ARTICLE, ENTITLED "FACTORS INFLUENCING THE BRITISH MILLERS' Choice of Wheats," written by J. H. Shollenberger of the Foreign Agricultural Service, which was published in the February 15 issue of FOREIGN CROPS AND MARKETS, has received much favorable comment from grain trade and Government organizations in both the United States and Great Britain. A request has been received by the Foreign Agricultural Service from the University College of Wales to republish the article in the English journal AGRICULTURAL BUSINESS, which circulates principally among the agricultural cooperative societies in England.

IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending April 8 are:

Association of land-grant colleges and universities. Proceedings of the forty-fifth annual convention...held at Chicago, Ill., November 16-18, 1931. Ed. by Charles A. McCue... Burlington, Vt., Free press printing co. [1932] 548 p. 4 As7

Bonn, Moritz Julius. Prosperity; myth and reality in American economic life. London, M.Hopkinson ltd., 1931. 188 p. Translated from the German by Winifred Ray. 280.12 B64.

Conference of progressives, Washington, D.C., 1931. Committee on unemployment and industrial stabilization. Long-range planning for the regularization of industry. The report of a subcommittee of the Committee on unemployment and industrial stabilization of the National progressive conference... [New York, Allied printing trades council] 1932. 23 p. 280.12. C76 From the New republic, Jan. 13, 1932, v.69, no. 893, pt. 2.

Crowther, Samuel. A basis for stability, by Samuel Crowther, in collaboration with Myron C. Taylor, Alfred P. Sloan, jr., Henry Ford [and others] Boston, Little, Brown, and company, 1932. 360 p. 280.12 C88

Dass, Anchal. An economic survey of Tehong, a village in the Jullundur district of the Punjab. [Lahore, Printed at the "Civil and military gazette" press] 1931. 345 p. [India. Punjab. Board of economic inquiry. Rural section publication - 18] 281.9 In2 no.18.

Edie, Lionel Danforth. The banks and prosperity. New York and London, Harper & brothers [1931] 179 p. 284 Ed4B

Howard, Robert L. Recent developments and tendencies in the taxation of intangibles...Notes on recent cases... Columbia, Mo., 1931. 65 p. 284.5 H83 (University of Missouri bulletin. v.32,no.25. Law series 44)

Leech, Harper. The paradox of plenty. New York and London, McGraw-Hill book company, inc., 1932. 203 p. 280 L512.

Napier, E. Saxon. The German credit problem, a plea for simple and effective control. London, London general press [1931] 43 p. 284 N16

Stephenson, James and Branton, Noel. Economics of production and exchange; an introduction to economic theory. London, Sir I. Pitman & sons, ltd., 1932. 474 p. 280 St4 (The "Bedrock series [no.13] ed. by James Stephenson.)



HERE AND THERE.

C. L. Finch, Division of Cotton Marketing, left Washington April 10 for Dallas, Tex., and Oklahoma City, Okla., to assist in a school for cotton classifiers licensed under the United States Cotton Standards Act and to confer with officials of the Oklahoma Cotton Growers Association concerning the use of licensed cotton classifiers during the cotton season of 1932-33.

About April 15, Stephen Bray will leave Louisville, Ky., where he is in charge of the branch office of the Division of Livestock, Meats, and Wool, for Ogden, Utah, to assume charge of the division's office there.

At the request of the Nickel Plate Railroad, T. W. Heitz, Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, recently made a trip to Buffalo to examine dressed turkeys which were the subject of dispute between the railroad and a receiver, damage being claimed as the result of handling in transit. Mr. Heitz' findings were accepted by the parties to the controversy as a suitable basis on which a mutually satisfactory settlement could be made.

L. K. Macfarlane of the Memphis office, Division of Cotton Marketing, is coming to Washington to assist the Grade and Estimates Project of the Division of Cotton Marketing in statistical work during the next two or three months and also to assist in reporting meetings for other projects.

Miss Jewell McMillan of the Houston office of the division, also is coming to Washington to assist temporarily in clerical and statistical work of the Grade and Estimates Project.

Kenneth H. Myers, Division of Farm Management and Costs, will leave Washington about April 17 for North Carolina, South Carolina and Florida to initiate and supervise the work of clerks in the tabulation of farm management data on costs and returns of poultry production and of practices followed in the industry, from the records of the Experiment Stations in the several States. The material will be brought to Washington for continuation of the study.

D. L. Lacy, of the Chicago inspection staff, Division of Fruits and Vegetables, will be permanently transferred to the Boston inspection staff, effective April 15. G. H. Irish also is now one of the Boston inspectors, having recently transferred from New York City.

Herman Stoker of the Union of South Africa, who is cooperating with the Division of Statistical and Historical Research in a study of production and prices of Merino and cross-bred wool, visited the Bureau last week.

The New York office of the Inspection Service and Market News Service of the Division of Fruits and Vegetables has moved from the State Office Building to the U. S. Government Warehouse. The new mail address for all employees of the division in New York City is Room 418, 641 Washington Street.

We regret to report that Mrs. Fannie Palmer, Division of Statistical and Historical Research, who has been absent from the office on account of the dislocation of a bone in her back, will have to remain away for at least several more weeks.

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## FELLOWSHIPS AWARDED BUREAU MEN BY SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCIL.

Five fellowships in agricultural economics have been offered by the Social Science Research Council to Bureau men in the last of yearly awards made under the Council's 5-year plan to extend to workers opportunity for advanced training in the fields of agricultural economics and rural sociology. The successful applicants are B. H. Thibodeaux, associate agricultural economist, W. W. Wilcox, junior agricultural economist, Marion Clawson, assistant agricultural economist, and Neil W. Johnson, associate agricultural economist, all members of the Division of Farm Management and Costs, and Joseph L. Orr, agricultural statistician of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates. Maurice R. Cooper, assistant agricultural economist, Division of Statistical and Historical Research, has been named an alternate. Because of the exigencies of the work Mr. Clawson and Mr. Johnson will not accept their fellowships.

The committee on awards, of which Dr. C. L. Holmes, in charge of the Division of Farm Management and Costs, is a member, voted for 15 fellowships this year, but this number may be changed through resignations and the naming of additional men.

Since the Social Science Research Council's 5-year plan went into effect, 20 Bureau men have received fellowships. The previous awards have gone to J. B. Hutson and C. M. Purves, in 1928; to Chas. F. Sarle and J. B. Gibbs, in 1929; to Geo. L. Crawford, Russell S. Kifer, D. Curtis Mumford, Sterling R. Newell, Arthur G. Peterson and Ernst H. Wiecking, in 1930; and to C. W. Crickman, E. B. Hurd, O. V. Wells, Wm. H. Rowe and Roger F. Hale, in 1931.

The Council has had \$30,000 to expend annually for fellowship awards. At this time an effort is being made to secure additional funds to continue the program.

## EASTERN MARKETING OFFICIALS HOLD ANNUAL SPRING MEETING.

Thirty State men attended the meeting of the Atlantic States Division of the National Association of Marketing Officials at its annual spring meeting in Washington, D. C., yesterday, April 19. The following States were represented by the number of delegates indicated: Connecticut, 1; Delaware, 1; Maryland, 3; Massachusetts, 2; New Jersey, 3; New York, 2; North Carolina, 3; Ohio, 2; Pennsylvania, 4; Rhode Island, 1; South Carolina, 1; Tennessee, 2; Virginia, 5. Assistant Secretary Dunlap and several members of the Federal Farm Board also were present at the dinner in the evening.

Mr. Olsen made the address of welcome, and in view of the present fiscal situation, emphasized the need of effecting economies without im-



pairing the services which have demonstrated their usefulness.

At the afternoon session, when the question of whether Federal-State shipping point inspection should be organized on a uniform basis in each State was considered, Mr. Kitchen made an address on this subject, followed by a discussion led by J. H. Meek of the Virginia Division of Markets.

A full account of the meeting will be carried in this week's issue of MARKETING ACTIVITIES.

#### WASHINGTON EXTENSION SERVICE

##### MEN STUDY BUREAU'S WORK.

Practically the whole Washington force of the Cooperative Extension Service, including administrative officials and subject matter and economic specialists, are spending this week and next in visiting the various divisions of the Bureau for the purpose of acquainting themselves with the work. On Monday, the Division of Land Economics and the Division of Economic Information were visited; on Tuesday, the Extension group met with the staff of the Division of Farm Management and Costs; today, Wednesday, the work of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates and the Division of Farm Population and Rural Life will be studied. During the remainder of the week the following schedule will be followed:

April 21, Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool; April 22, Division of Dairy and Poultry Products and Division of Agricultural Finance; April 25, Division of Statistical and Historical Research and the Foreign Agricultural Service; April 26, Division of Cotton Marketing; April 27, Division of Fruits and Vegetables; April 28, Division of Hay, Feed, and Seed; April 29, Grain Division.

In arranging this program, Mr. Englund has pointed out:

"Effective extension work in agricultural economics, as in any other field, depends to a large extent on extension workers' acquaintance with subject matter and its background. Likewise, research workers benefit by being in touch with extension problems. Mutual acquaintance with subject matter and problems is highly desirable. Within an organization such as ours this purpose can be served best by informal contact through workers."

#### NEW METHOD OF GRADING

##### BUTTER BEING DEVELOPED.

An entirely new method of determining the grade of creamery butter is being tried out by the field offices of the Division of Dairy and Poultry Products under the direction of C. E. Eckles of the Washington office. This method is simpler and more direct of application than that which has previously been used. Five factors of quality are considered, namely, flavor, body, color, salt, and package. The factor of flavor is given a rating independent of the other factors which would represent the final grade of the butter if the other factors were rated perfect. The other four factors are each rated independently for the defects found in them. When no defect is found, that factor is rated zero or perfect. A very slight defect is rated  $\frac{1}{2}$ , while an extreme defect is rated 4 or 5.

The final grade or score of the butter is not decreased below the

rating for flavor unless the total ratings for defects in body, color, salt, and package exceed the total permitted in those factors for butter of the particular flavor rating. Should the total of the ratings for defects in body, color, salt, and package exceed the total defects permitted in these factors in butter of the flavor rating given the sample, the difference between the total of the ratings given these factors and the total defects permitted in these factors, is deducted from the flavor rating given to obtain the final grade or score of the sample.

If the new method proves to be more satisfactory than the method previously employed, it will be adopted and incorporated in the rules and regulations for grading butter. A number of the field offices have reported that although the final grade of the butter is the same by both methods, the new method is preferable and more satisfactory because it permits each of the five factors to be rated independently of each other, and the grading certificate therefore shows the correct or true rating of the defects in each factor.

MR. CALLANDER DISCUSSES CONDITIONS IN STATES  
AND CANADIAN PROVINCES RECENTLY VISITED.

W. F. Callander, in charge of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, returned recently from an inspection of all the division's offices north of the Ohio River and west of the Mississippi River.

He found in South Dakota that the entomologists are very pessimistic with respect to prospects this year, due to the danger of a severe outbreak of grasshoppers even worse than the disastrous outbreak of last year. In western North Dakota and eastern Montana he found there was still a great shortage of moisture and that unless liberal spring rains come there is danger of another crop failure in this area. He also found drouth conditions prevailing in western Nebraska and Kansas, the Pan Handle of Oklahoma, and eastern Colorado. Dust storms were frequent and the wheat crop at the time he was there was deteriorating rapidly. Conditions seemed to be somewhat better on the Pacific Coast, and in the Southwest abundant moisture was furnishing the ranchmen with plenty of pasture for their livestock.

Cooperative relationships with those of the various States visited which are contributing to the maintenance of the crop reporting service will be continued without serious impairment during the next fiscal year. The division is now cooperating with thirty-six States. The new cooperative agreement with Texas, which was entered into last fall, is working out very satisfactorily and the first census to be taken through the assessors is now under way, with promise of fair success.

While in the Northwest, Mr. Callander visited the provinces of Saskatchewan and Manitoba, where he looked into the wheat situation. He found Manitoba with an abundant snow covering. Southern Saskatchewan was still very dry, with dust blowing, and in much the same situation as, if not worse than, western North Dakota and eastern Montana. There is a strong shift in Manitoba toward Durham wheat because of the premiums farmers have been getting for it this year. Many farmers in southern Saskatchewan are being fed this year by the government, which when Mr. Callander was there had already purchased 6,000,000 bushels of seed for distribution. The seed is distributed in the form of seed loans to farmers. In the areas



where seed is being distributed, the farmers are given orders on the elevators for the seed and other supplies they need. In contrast to the system employed in the United States, no farmer receives any cash. When supplies other than seed are furnished, the farmer is given an order on a grocery store or gas station, rather than given the money to buy the supplies himself. The government settles direct with the people who furnish the materials.

Mr. Callander found the work of the field offices up-to-date and in excellent condition.

#### BUREAU NOON-HOUR RADIO BROADCASTING PROGRAM.

The national radio program of the Department is broadcast daily except Sundays, from 12:54 to 1:10 p.m., eastern standard time. The following members of this Bureau are on the program for the week beginning April 25:

April 28, 12:47 p.m., L. M. Davis, April Dairy Markets

April 29, 12:54 p.m., Roy C. Potts, April Poultry Markets

The western radio program of the Department is broadcast daily except Saturdays and Sundays, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., Pacific standard time. Field members of the Bureau are on the program for the week beginning April 25, as follows:

April 25, 12:34 p.m., Frank L. Lyons, The Grain Market Situation

April 26, 12:35 p.m., H. B. Hilton, Address not yet announced

April 27, 12:35 p.m., W. E. Schneider, April Livestock and Meat  
Markets

April 28, 12:35 p.m., Frank L. Lyons, April Alfalfa Markets

April 29, 12:35 p.m., Carl J. Hansen, On Fruit and Vegetable Markets.

A special New England radio program will be broadcast from Boston, over forty-six stations of the National Broadcasting Company, on April 27. This program will be presented between 1:30 and 2:30 p.m., daylight saving time. There will be short talks by the New England Commissioners of Agriculture on the following subjects:

Commissioner Washburn, Maine's Potato Industry

Commissioner Felker, New Hampshire's Fruit Industry

Commissioner Jones, Vermont's Dairy Industry

Commissioner Gilbert, Massachusetts' Diversified Agriculture, with  
Special Reference to Cranberries

Commissioner Buckingham, Connecticut's Turkey Industry

Commissioner Buckingham, Rhode Island's Poultry Industry.

#### USE STANDARD FORMS IN OBTAINING BIDS.

When bids are obtained in the field for packing and hauling household goods, standard Government forms must be used. Every field office should have an adequate supply of these forms on hand at all times.

When bids are not obtained on the proper forms it is usually necessary to readvertise, which results in considerable delay and inconvenience as well as unnecessary clerical work. Field men should also be careful to see that the forms are properly filled out before submitting them to their Washington office for consideration.

In connection with the moving of household goods or office furniture, bids should be obtained on moving by closed motor van and also on packing, crating, and hauling to the railroad station for shipment by freight. Bidders should be requested to estimate on the weight of the goods packed ready for shipment as it will be necessary to compute the more economical method of handling the job. When vouchers are audited and it is found the cheapest method of handling the goods has not been used, the owner of the goods is required to reimburse the Government for the excess cost, so that it is essential to use the utmost care in obtaining bids and following the other necessary details.

#### IN CONGRESS:

S. Res. 156, by Senator Reed, to investigate the effect of the depreciation of foreign-currency values upon importations of important commodities into the United States, has been adopted.

S. J. Res. 135, by Senator Jones, creating a joint commission concerning the coordination and economical administration of the executive departments and independent establishments of the Government, has been reported without amendment by the Committee on Expenditures in Executive Departments.

#### New Bills

H. R. 11292, by Mr. Christopherson, to provide for the reorganization and consolidation of the various departments and establishments in the executive branch of the Government and for other purposes.

S. 4354, by Senator Steiwer, to prohibit the importation of articles from certain countries and for other purposes.

S. J. Res. 141, by Senator Thomas, suspending certain Government construction work in the District of Columbia.

H. R. 11362, by Mr. Steagall, to amend the National Banking Act and the Federal Reserve Act, and to provide a guaranty fund for depositors in banks.

S. 4394, by Senator Nye, to aid in the reduction of taxes on farm lands and to promote elementary education in rural areas of the U. S. and to cooperate with the States in the promotion of these objectives.

S. J. Res. 145, by Senator McNary, and H. J. Res. 363, by Mr. Purnell, providing for financing sales of wheat and cotton in foreign markets.

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THE AGRICULTURAL OUTLOOK AND THE LAND PROBLEM, Mr. Olsen's address at the National Conference of Land Utilization in Chicago, November 19-21, 1931, is now in mimeographed form for distribution.

IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending April 15 are:

- Cooperative league of the U. S. of America. Second yearbook. A survey of consumers' cooperatives in the United States, 1932. New York, The Cooperative league [1932] 256 p. 280.29 C788 1932.
- Chamber of commerce of the United States of America. Committee on agricultural credit. Agricultural credit. Report of committee... Washington, D. C., Chamber of commerce of the United States, 1932. 29 p. 284.2 C352.
- Delos, Albert. Les aspects économiques de l'agriculture belge de 1830 à 1930. Gembloux, Impr. J. Duculot, 1931. 68 p. 281.172 D38
- Lyde, Lionel William. A primer of economic geography; an introductory survey. London, New York [etc.] Sir I. Pitman & sons, ltd., 1931. (Pitman's economics series) 208 p. 278 L98
- Mason, Lucy Randolph. Standards for workers in southern industry. [Atlanta] National consumers' league, 1931. 46 p. 283 M383.
- New England homestead. A food survey of the New England farm market. Springfield, Mass., New England homestead, 1931. 23 p. 280.32 N44
- Repony, D. When and how we will get out of this depression ; common sense economics, Clifton, N. J., Priv. print. for the author [1932] 61 p. 280.12 R29.
- Stamp, Sir Josiah Charles. The present position of monetary science, Manchester, Manchester university press, 1932. 30 p. 284 St2P
- United grain growers, limited. The Durum wheat situation; a review of production and marketing conditions, published by United grain growers ltd. Winnipeg, 1932. 18 p. 286.359 Un3
- U. S. Bureau of foreign and domestic commerce. Trade promotion series. no. 130. International marketing of surplus wheat, by George J. Carr. Washington, U. S. Govt. print. off., 1932. 157.54 T67 no. 130
- The United States in world affairs; an account of American foreign relations. 1931. New York and London, Pub. for the Council on foreign relations by Harper & brothers, 1932. 280.8 Un34.
- White, Percival. Marketing research technique. New York and London, Harper & brothers publishers, 1931. 236 p. 280.3 W58Ma
- Wyer, Samuel S. Fundamentals of today's depression problem. Prepared for Fuel-power-transportation education foundation. Columbus, Ohio. [1932] 14 p. 280.12 W97



HERE AND THERE.

The matter of satisfactorily housing the Bureau's offices in Baltimore and Philadelphia for the coming fiscal year and of discussing business and personnel problems with local representatives took Mr. Hughes to those cities last week.

C. V. Whalin, in charge, and M. C. Romberger, Division of Livestock, Meats, and Wool, will take a three-day trip, April 20-23, to New York City, Newark and Camden, N. J., and Philadelphia, Pa., where they will confer with representatives of the hide and leather industry, including the New York Hide Exchange, in regard to the preparation of national grade standards for country hides and skins.

Dr. O. E. Baker, Division of Land Economics, will attend a meeting of the Committee on Research and Food Supply of the International Population Union, in New York City, April 21, which will be held for the purpose of considering reports on research and to discuss progress and plans for work for the coming year. On April 22 Doctor Baker will attend the first annual meeting of the Population Association of America, in New York City, giving an address on "Ratio of Children under Five Years of Age to Women of Child-Bearing Age, Urban and Rural."

Emil Rauchenstein, Division of Farm Management and Costs, left Washington Monday, April 18, for Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Hampshire to work with representatives of the State Colleges of Agriculture in summarizing and analyzing economic data in connection with cooperative farm management research projects now under way in those States. He will be in the field four or five weeks.

Rob R. Slocum, Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, discussed egg grades and egg grading before a class at the University of Maryland last week. This Thursday, April 21, Thos. W. Heitz of the division will demonstrate the different ways of preparing a chicken for cooking and discuss the poultry grades before the same class.

The Baltimore office of the Grain Division reports that a grain grading class of eight students, headed by Professor Geary Eppley, of the University of Maryland, visited the Baltimore grain market April 8. The group was conducted through the supervision and inspection laboratories, the Western Maryland elevator, and the trading floor of the Baltimore Chamber of Commerce.

Elmer Lende, Division of Livestock, Meats, and Wool, who has been in charge of the field office at Ogden, Utah, will leave the latter part of this month for Sioux City, Ia., for permanent assignment in the office at that point.

Dean Christensen of the Wisconsin College of Agriculture, received a cordial welcome this week when he called on former associates in the Washington offices of the Bureau.

Miss Emily L. Day, library specialist in cotton marketing, will represent the Bureau at the American Library Association meeting in New Orleans, La., April 25-30. As chairman of the Committee on Cooperative Bibliographical Aid, Miss Louise O. Bercaw of the Bureau Library is sending a report of the work of that committee to be read before the Library Section of the Association.

Mr. Hughes has been compelled to be absent from the office for several days on account of an attack of grippe.

A class of twenty students or more, from the Riverton High School of Riverton, Iowa, visited the Omaha office of the Grain Division recently. They were accompanied by H. T. Clayton, instructor in agriculture at the high school, and Ed. Shearer, grain elevator manager. Plans for this visit were tentatively made a year ago last fall at the Sidney, Iowa, county fair, at which this Bureau had a grain grading exhibit.

Thos. W. Heitz, Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, discussed egg and poultry grading, explaining particularly how a housewife should go about buying eggs and poultry, before a class in home economics at George Washington University on Monday, April 18.

Carl Nagel, Warehouse Division, is on a trip to New York, Massachusetts and Maine for the purpose of making subsequent examinations of cotton and wool warehouses licensed under the United States Warehouse Act and an original examination of a honey warehouse in Vermont. He will not return for about two weeks.

Members and non-members are urged to be present at the April meeting of the Agricultural Branch of the Federal Employees Union, which will be held on April 27, at 8 p.m., in Suite 604, 710 4th St., N. W. The newly elected officers will be installed by Miss Gertrude McNally, Secretary of the National Federation of Federal Employees. Sixteen members of the Bureau joined at the March meeting.

James G. Cross, transportation specialist, will spend Thursday in Baltimore, investigating a case involving transportation charges by steamship and railroad on a shipment of fruit and vegetables.

Miss Mildred R. Cossey, clerk-stenographer of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, has recently transferred from Boise, Idaho, to Portland, Oreg., to take the place of Miss J. E. Harrison, who resigned a few months ago.



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## STAFF THINKS MEETINGS WITH EXTENSION GROUP SERVING VERY USEFUL PURPOSE.

The Washington members of both the Cooperative Extension Service and this Bureau who have so far participated in the conferences between the two staffs have expressed themselves as believing that the visits of the Extension men in the Bureau are a long step toward better working relations between the two organizations.

Last week the Extension group acquainted themselves with the work of the Divisions of Land Economics; Economic Information; Farm Management and Costs; Crop and Livestock Estimates; Livestock, Meats, and Wool, and Dairy and Poultry Products. This week these men will continue their studies of Bureau work in the Divisions of Statistical and Historical Research; Foreign Agricultural Service; Cotton Marketing; Fruits and Vegetables; Hay, Feed, and Seed; and Grain.

The twenty-three members of the Extension staff, including 5 women, who called in the Division of Farm Population and Rural Life last Friday seemed to be very much impressed with Doctor Galpin's approach to the work of his division through the mutual interest of the Extension Service and this Bureau in the subject of farm income. He explained in his opening remarks that he would discuss his work in this way because so large a part of both the Extension program and the program of this Bureau is related to farm income. He traced the development of the work of his division, beginning with the early studies having a very remote bearing on income, going to those relating entirely to the spending of income, and taking up finally those relating to the production of income. The later studies developed very naturally from those which preceded, Doctor Galpin explained. They are new in this field of work and have not yet been attempted by the State Colleges of Agriculture, but he expects that they will be undertaken there just as in the past the colleges took up the standard of living studies inaugurated by the division.

In the conference with members of the Division of Agricultural Finance the following topics were presented by the men indicated:

Farm taxation with special reference to possible improvements in existing systems - Mr. Englund and Donald Jackson.

Federal Reserve System and its relation to agriculture - Norman J. Wall.

Farm-mortgage credit with special reference to the Federal Farm Loan System - David L. Wickens.

Personal and collateral farm credit with special reference to the Federal intermediate credit banks - Fred L. Garlock.

Agricultural insurance with special reference to co-operative organizations - Victor N. Valgren.

Particular interest was displayed by the Extension men in prob-

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lems of taxation and a substantial part of the conference was devoted to this topic. Questions bearing on the total tax burden and the equitable distribution of this burden frequently confront the Extension men and call for sound information as well as judicious care on their part. Credit problems are also more than usually pronounced in this time of reduced farm income and shrunken land values. Because of the interest in these subjects the conference instead of ending with the termination of the allotted hour was continued for nearly two hours.

The reaction of the Extension group to these conferences has been splendid, H. M. Dixon, in charge of the Agricultural Economics Extension Unit, reports. These men are becoming more thoroughly acquainted with what is going on in the Bureau and are learning how Bureau information is made available to the public. Mr. Dixon says that already there are evidences of considerable follow-up by the Extension men for the purpose of obtaining additional information from individuals in the divisions visited. The conferences are serving a very useful purpose, he believes, both in getting the two staffs better acquainted and in affording the Extension staff an opportunity to become more fully acquainted with the research already undertaken and that to be undertaken by the Bureau.

#### SUMMER OUTLOOK REPORT

##### RELEASE DATES ARE ANNOUNCED.

The following release dates for the outlook reports which will be made in the summer of 1932 have been announced by Mr. Englund:

Poultry and eggs,	July 25	Fall grains,	September 5
Dairy,	July 28	Hogs,	September 12
Sheep and lambs,	August 1	Feedstuffs,	September 15
Beef cattle,	August 22		

#### BUREAU MEN INSTRUCT LARGEST GROUP OF LICENSED COTTON CLASSERS EVER GATHERED IN SOUTH.

The meeting of the Texas Cotton Cooperative Association at Dallas, Texas, the week of April 11, brought together the largest group of licensed cotton classers so far held in the South. Approximately 60 classers were in attendance throughout the week. C. L. Finch, of the Division of Cotton Marketing, who has recently returned from a visit to the Southwest, attended this meeting most of the week. The officers of the association had arranged it primarily for the benefit of the cotton classers in its employ, all of whom are licensed under the U. S. Cotton Standards Act.

Mr. Finch assisted in the instruction work, particularly as it related to the application of the U. S. Cotton Standards Act and the Secretary's regulations thereunder, and W. E. Dent and A. C. Poulton of the Board of Supervising Cotton Examiners gave instructions in the proper application of the official cotton standards. Among the various interesting addresses delivered during the conference was one by L. D. Howell, also of the Division of Cotton Marketing, on prices of cotton in relation to quality.

SURVEY SHOWS WIDE DISTRIBUTION  
OF GRAIN MARKET NEWS REPORTS.

Wide distribution of the reviews of the market news service of the Division of Hay, Feed, and Seed is indicated by the recent survey made through the branch offices of this project. This survey discloses that nearly 2,000 newspapers are publishing the various reviews weekly and that over 4,000 banks are posting them upon their bulletin boards. More than 150 of the reports are published regularly in trade and farm journals. About 140 broadcasts of the reviews are being made weekly by radio stations.

Newspapers do not all publish the reviews in full, but particular prominence is given to the general review of the market situation carried in the early portion of the reports and also to any items concerning foreign crop and market conditions. Items of local interest are also generally included.

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MISS SARA SKINNER

Miss Sara Skinner died suddenly on Saturday, April 23, in New York City, at the home of her sister, Mrs. John Nordhouse. Interment was at Glenwood Cemetery, Washington, D. C., Tuesday, April 26.

Miss Skinner was employed in the crop estimating work for more than 37 years, during a considerable length of this time serving as supervisory clerk of the mailing section of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates. She retired on April 1, 1931.

Miss Skinner spent some time in Florida recently and on her way back to New York stopped in Washington to see her former associates. She seemed in unusually good health and spirits and news of her death has come as a great shock.

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RED CROSS OBTAINING LARGE QUANTITIES OF  
WHEAT FROM GRAIN STABILIZATION CORPORATION.

In the distribution of the wheat allotted to the Red Cross from the stocks of the National Grain Stabilization Corporation by authority of Congress, the Red Cross had placed orders for flour up to April 16, to the total of nearly 930,000 barrels, which is equivalent to about 4,275,000 bushels of wheat. In addition to this, 3,950,000 bushels of wheat had been furnished for feed up to the middle of April. Of the offal produced in the milling of the wheat, a little over 3,000 tons were taken by the Red Cross for distribution, principally in the drouth areas of the North-Central States, according to reports received by the grain market news service of the Division of Hay, Feed, and Seed.

The grain market news service is assisting the Red Cross in determining the prices of feed in connection with the milling of the wheat obtained from the Grain Stabilization Corporation.



## TWO SYSTEMS OF GRADING WOOL DESCRIBED.

The blood system or domestic system of grading wool, in general use in the United States, had its origin in this country about a century ago, when the early sheep raisers began improving their flocks through the introduction of the Spanish Merino sheep. From the full-blooded Merino sheep was obtained full-blood or fine wool. A slightly coarser wool was obtained from the progeny of the first cross, and as the sheep were sometimes called "half-bred" or "half-blood" the wool became known as "half-blood wool." With further changes in the percentages of Merino blood of sheep came other designations for the sheep and, therefore, of the wool. The classification embraces the terms "fine," "1/2 blood," "3/8 blood," "1/4 blood," "common," and "braid." The term "braid" has reference to the coarse of more or less hair-like wool from the certain breeds of sheep. Like the numerical terms, these names do not now have their early meaning, and have become merely names for particular grades of wool, as determined by the diameter of the fiber.

The numerical system, another system in use, had its origin in the spinning count of wool. Theoretically, the designation given the grade under this system represents its spinning possibility in the number of hanks per pound of yarn. Thus, a 56's wool should theoretically spin 56 hanks to the pound of yarn, each hank being 560 yards in length. Coarser wools, not spinning to that degree, would have lower designations as 48's, 44's, etc., and the finer wools of greater spinning possibilities, as 70's and 80's, would be named according to higher numbers. A 48's wool, therefore, would spin theoretically to 48 hanks, or 26,880 yards, to the pound, and an 80's wool to 80 hanks, or 44,800 yards to the pound. These numerical designations for grades have been in use for many years. They do not have their original significance, however, as few of the grades spin to as high a degree as the numbers would indicate. In consequence, these numbers have become grade names primarily rather than designations of spinning possibilities.

## FOREIGN POSTAGE RATES

### EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 1932.

The following foreign postage rates, effective as of April 1, are announced by Postmaster W. M. Mooney:

To Canada, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Mexico, Newfoundland (including Labrador), Spain (including certain possessions) and all Central and South American countries (except British, Dutch and French Guiana and British Honduras):

Letters-- 3 cents for each ounce or fraction; Post Cards (single) - 2 cents; Post Cards (double) - 4 cents.

To All Other Foreign Countries:

Letters-- 5 cents for the first ounce or fraction; 3 cents for each additional ounce or fraction; Post Cards (single) - 3 cents; Post Cards (double) - 6 cents.

To All Foreign Countries:

Printed Matter--1½ cents for each 2 ounces or fraction of 2 ounces. Sample of Merchandise--1½ cents for each 2 ounces or fraction of 2 ounces (Minimum charge 3 cents).

Commercial Papers--1½ cents for each 2 ounces or fraction of 2 ounces (Minimum charge 5 cents).



IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending April 22 are:

Beckerath, Erwin von. The present economic state of Germany, some conclusions of a study completed under the auspices of the Notgemeinschaft der deutschen wissenschaft (Union for German science) by Erwin v. Beckerath... [and others] [Jena] Privately printed [Frommannsche buchdruckerei 1931] 41 p. 280.175 B38 Published also as International conciliation, April 1932, no.279.

Crawford, Morris De Camp. The heritage of cotton, the fibre of two worlds and many ages. New York, London, G.P. Putnam's sons, 1931. 244 p. 304 C85

Davies, J. Llefelys. Operation of egg packing stations. I. A farmers' co-operative station. II. A private station. Aberystwyth, Department of agricultural economics, University college, 1931. 11 p. Mimeographed. 280.347 D28

Gregory, Theodor. The gold standard and its future. London, Methuen & co. ltd. [1932] 115 p. 284 G86G

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Holman, Reuben A. Forty years of co-operation; a history of the first successful co-operative grain elevator in the United States. [Rockwell, Ia., 1931] 61 p. 280.259 H73.

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Shaw, A. Vere. The case against short selling. A reply to the New York stock exchange. [New York, 1932] 26 p. 284 Sh2

Sparks, Earl Sylvester. History and theory of agricultural credit in the United States... with foreword by Thomas N. Carver. New York, T.Y. Crowell company [1932] 476 p. 284.2 Sp2

Trade and market development conference, Washington, D.C., 1931. Report of the second Trade and market development conference, Washington, D.C., September 28-29, 1931. Washington, D.C., Domestic distribution department, Chamber of commerce of the United States [1931] 36 p. Mimeographed. 286.9 T67

U.S. Congress. Senate. Committee on banking and currency. To aid in the marketing of the debentures and other obligation of the federal intermediate credit banks. Hearings. Seventy-second Congress, first session on S.2409, a bill to amend title II of the Federal farm loan act in regard to federal intermediate credit banks... February 3 and 5, 1932... Washington, U.S. Govt. print. off., 1932. 53 p. 284.2 Un31Ta

BUREAU BREVITIES.

STAPLE LENGTH OF FOREIGN-GROWN COTTONS Consumed in the United States, 1928-1931, is a preliminary report by Peter M. Strang, senior cotton technologist of the Division of Cotton Marketing, which is designed to give to the cotton growers in this country information as to the quantities of foreign cotton of the various staple lengths consumed in the United States.

RECENT TRENDS IN RETAIL MEAT PRICES and Their Relation to Livestock Prices, the address of A. T. Edinger, associate marketing specialist of the Division of Livestock, Meats, and Wool, at the meeting of the Ohio Wool Growers Association and Ohio Livestock Cooperative Association in Columbus, Ohio, February 25, 1932, has been mimeographed for distribution and copies may be obtained from the Division of Economic Information. Mr. Edinger acknowledges his indebtedness to his colleagues, especially to C. A. Burmeister, senior agricultural economist, for valuable assistance in the preparation of this paper.

U. S. STANDARDS FOR SLICING CUCUMBERS, revised as of 1932, have just been issued by the Division of Fruits and Vegetables.

NEW GRADES FOR VIRGINIA-TYPE PEANUTS, shelled and unshelled, also have been released by the division.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE FORMULATION OF THE U. S. STANDARDS for Virginia-Type Peanuts (see above), S. M. Lawrence, Secretary of The National Peanut Cleaners & Shellers Association of Suffolk, Va., has written R. R. Pailthorp of the Division of Fruits and Vegetables as follows: "Permit the writer to say that you displayed good judgment in letting Mr. R. G. Hill of your Department attend our meeting on Thursday last, the 31st ultimo, such meeting having been called for the purpose of voting on the proposed U. S. Standards for grades of Virginia type peanuts as amended by your Department, for at this meeting it was necessary to iron out some differences which developed, and Mr. Hill was very successful in getting all present to agree upon such standards as amended. In this work Mr. Hill showed his capability, thoroughness, and patience. \*\*\* We hope they (the standards) will prove beneficial to the peanut industry in general."

GRAIN GRADING, a multigraphed publication prepared by the Grain Standards Educational Committee, is being distributed by the Grain Division and copies may also be obtained from the Division of Economic Information. The publication presents the history, development, and the reasons for the structure of the standards as well as the methods of grading.

THREE CHART BOOKS covering the outlook for Wheat, Beef Cattle, and Fruits have just been released. The books contain a very comprehensive selection of the most useful charts bearing upon the outlook for the respective commodities. They are being mailed to all agricultural workers, but a limited supply is available for those engaged in Extension work.

BUREAU BREVITIES - Continued.

THE BUREAU LIBRARY has a few copies of the following publication which it will be glad to give to Bureau workers as long as the supply lasts:

Agriculture, Climate and Population of the Prairie Provinces of Canada, a statistical atlas showing past development and present conditions, issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa, Canada, 1931.

BUREAU NOON-HOUR RADIOBROADCASTING PROGRAM.

The national radio program of the Department is broadcast daily except Sundays, from 12:54 to 1:10 p. m., eastern standard time. The following members of this Bureau are on the program for the week beginning May 2:

May 2, 1:00 p.m., A. B. Genung, Comments on the Agricultural Situation

May 4, 1:00 p.m., L. A. Wheeler, Farm Facts from Foreign Lands

The western radio program of the Department is broadcast daily except Saturdays and Sundays, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., Pacific standard time. Field members of the Bureau are on the program for the week beginning May 2, as follows:

May 2, 12:34 p.m., Frank L. Lyons, The Grain Market Situation

May 3, 12:34 p.m., Frank H. McCampbell, The Dairy Market Situation

May 4, 12:35 p.m., W. E. Schneider, Cattle Markets in May

May 5, 12:35 p.m., Carl J. Hansen, On Fruit and Vegetable Markets

IN CONGRESS:

S. J. Res. 135, by Senator Jones, creating a joint commission concerning the coordination and economical administration of the executive departments and independent establishments of the Government, has passed the Senate.

S. J. Res. 108, by Senator Capper, authorizing and directing the Secretary of Agriculture to investigate the cost of maintaining the present system of future trading in agricultural products\*\*\* has passed the Senate.

New Bills.

S. 4409, by Senator Logan, providing for the reorganization and consolidation of the departments and independent establishments in the executive branch of the Government.

S. 4426, by Senator Logan, to consolidate the personnel activities of the United States Government to provide for the appointment of an administrator and a board of review and for other purposes.

S. 4427, by Senator Thomas, to secure to the farmer a price for agricultural products for domestic consumption at least equal to the cost of production\*\*. A similar bill, H. R. 11457 was introduced by Mr. McClintic.



HERE AND THERE.

W. F. Callander, in charge of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, spent a day in Charleston, W. Va., last week with Commissioner of Agriculture Gore, former Secretary of Agriculture. The State funds for crop reporting work had been practically cut off and Mr. Callander arranged for their restoration for the next year.

F. G. Robb, in charge of the Regulatory Branch, Division of Fruits and Vegetables, will leave Washington April 28 for Chicago where he will spend a day with the local force of the division. Mr. Robb will then proceed to Los Angeles, Calif., and other points on the Pacific Coast for the purpose of instructing representatives of these offices of the division regarding policy and procedure in connection with the enforcement of the Produce Agency and Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act. He will not return to Washington for several weeks.

L. H. Bean, Division of Statistical and Historical Research, is scheduled to present facts about the agricultural situation, with special reference to conditions in the western grain producing sections of the country, at the grain rate investigations being held by the Interstate Commerce Commission in Chicago. The hearings began on April 20 and are expected to last several weeks.

Late freezes in the South have caused a general reduction in inspection work in the Gulf Coast States, according to Wells A. Sherman, in charge of the Division of Fruits and Vegetables.

W. C. Davis, Division of Livestock, Meats, and Wool, will attend the annual convention of the National Association of Retail Meat Dealers at Toledo, Ohio, May 10, and give an address on the subject, "Mass Purchasing of Groups of Retailers."

B. W. Allin, Division of Agricultural Finance, left Washington on April 23 for Madison, Wisconsin, and Bozeman, Montana, where he will be engaged until the middle of June on tax studies being conducted with the Agricultural Experiment Stations in these two States.

Inspection of strawberries in southern Alabama began on April 25, the Division of Fruits and Vegetables reports. This work is being supervised by J. A. Marks, who has handled the work in Alabama for the last several years.

F. S. Kinsey reported in Mississippi last week and expects to start the inspection of strawberries and early vegetables in that State this week. His headquarters will be at Crystal Springs.

R. B. Landrum, in charge of the fruit and vegetable inspection office at Tulsa, Oklahoma, will supervise the work of strawberry inspection in Arkansas which is just getting under way. He will make his headquarters at Van Buren during the movement of the crop.

Supervisor W. P. Carroll and M. J. Johnson of the Minneapolis office, Grain Division, are spending several weeks conducting a series of educational meetings in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota.

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## CANNED GRAPEFRUIT GRADING SERVICE TO BE INAUGURATED IN FLORIDA.

Grading service on canned grapefruit and canned tomatoes will soon be started at Jacksonville, Florida, as the result of the recent visit of Paul M. Williams, in charge of the Canned Fruit and Vegetable Standardization and Grading Project, to that city. Mr. Williams arranged for the local Chamber of Commerce to furnish free laboratory space in one of its rooms on the mezzanine floor.

The principal commodity which will be graded is canned grapefruit, tentative grades for which have already been developed. The office is being set up at Jacksonville, to which canners of grapefruit throughout the State will send samples. R. H. von Glahn of the division will have charge of the work. For next season, it is planned that the fresh fruit inspectors who cover the State thoroughly during the shipping season will serve as licensed samplers, forwarding official samples to Jacksonville for grading.

Grading service on canned grapefruit is already being afforded growers in Porto Rico through A. S. Mason, in charge of the work at San Juan.

## TOBACCO GRADING STIMULATED THROUGH ORGANIZATION OF TWO CO-OPS.

Activity in the service of grading tobacco has been greatly stimulated since the middle of April by the fact that two cooperative tobacco growers associations have been organized in Kentucky and Tennessee, both of them relying on this Bureau for grading service. The tobacco marketing season normally comes to a close in April or May, but due to dissatisfaction with the very low prices that have prevailed this season, associations have been formed in two of the fire-cured districts, and within the past two weeks have begun receiving tobacco. The contracts used are similar, and are unique in that the member is permitted to make barn-door sale of his tobacco or to offer it on the auction floor, and if the sale price on the floor is unsatisfactory he may reject it and have the tobacco pooled, prized, and stored. In the latter case he receives an advance.

Approximately 35 graders and supervisors are employed on the work, including the salaried graders on the open markets and those licensed for the associations. The grading work is handled by the Tobacco Section, cooperating with the Kentucky Agricultural Experiment Station and the Tennessee Division of Markets.

Graders are licensed not only under the regulations governing the Tobacco Section but under the provisions of the U. S. Warehouse Act. Tobacco pooled and prized is covered by a joint certificate issued for each hogshead. The tobacco is stored in a Federally licensed



warehouse, and the certificates are made the basis of financing arrangements.

E. D. McDowell is supervising in the Eastern District, U. S. Type 22, assisted by Malcolm I. Dunn. B. H. Mizell is supervising in the Western District, Type 23. Frank B. Wilkinson, who has general charge, is now on an inspection trip through both districts.

#### BASIS LAID FOR COUNTRY HIDE STANDARDS.

A tentative draft of national grade standards for butcher and country hides was prepared in New York City recently at a conference between C. V. Whalin, in charge, and M. C. Romberger, of the Division of Livestock, Meats, and Wool, and representatives of the Tanners' Council of America and of the New York Hide Exchange. Mr. Whalin reports that the Tanners' Council and the Hide Exchange members were enthusiastic about the proposed grades and earnestly assisted Mr. Romberger and himself in their preparation.

The Bureau men are now working with the Council and the Exchange members through the mails on the language of the tentative grades, which when perfected will be referred to tradesmen for their scrutiny and comment and then set up in final tentative form. These standards will be submitted also to the Tanners' Council at their annual convention in Atlantic City on May 25.

#### FEDERAL HAY INSPECTION SERVICE GOES INTO EFFECT IN OREGON.

The hay inspectors' school, conducted for three weeks at Corvallis, Oregon, by Walter J. Morgan, in charge of the Los Angeles office of the Division of Hay, Feed, and Seed, and D. D. Hill, associate professor of Oregon State Agricultural College, ended April 16. The school was held to train hay inspectors for the Oregon State Department of Agriculture, with whom the Division of Hay, Feed, and Seed recently entered into a cooperative agreement calling for the hay inspection service in that State. This is the first time the State Department of Agriculture has used the Federal inspection service, having previously applied its own grades in hay inspection work in Oregon.

A program of educational work, designed to acquaint hay producers, dealers, and consumers in the State with the Federal grades, is being organized by Mr. Morgan and Professor Hill for the month of June.

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MRS. MAY L. MYERS
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Mrs. May L. Myers died on Friday, April 29, following an operation at a Washington hospital.

Mrs. Myers was employed in the Bureau from November, 1917, until her resignation, on account of ill health, in July, 1929. A pleasing personality so marked her relations with her associates in her work in the Grain Division and the Section of Mails and Files, that this characteristic received mention in her efficiency reports, and is the outstanding thing for which she is remembered by her many friends in the Bureau.



### LAND ECONOMICS' APPRAISALS UPHELD IN COURT CASES.

Appraisals made in southeastern Missouri have been upheld in Federal Court, Dr. L. C. Gray, in charge, Division of Land Economics, has been advised in a letter just received from field employee, H. H. Wooten, associate agricultural economist. These appraisals, which were made by the division's men in connection with the flood control program of the War Department, involved not only the valuation of agricultural land but also the appraisal of flowage rights on the lands which are to be subject to overflow in the operation of the floodway. The work was done in cooperation with the Forest Service and the Bureau of Chemistry and Soils. Mr. Wooten writes as follows:

"The week of April 18 to 23 was spent at Federal Court at Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Fifty flowage cases from the Birds Point-New Madrid Floodway were settled in court. Approximately two-thirds of the settlements were based on U.S.D.A. appraisals. I was called to testify on values in four cases. After the basis of the appraisals was established in the first few cases the appraisals were accepted as evidence of value by the Court."

### BUREAU NOON-FOUR RADIO BROADCASTING PROGRAM.

The national radio program of the Department is broadcast daily except Sundays, from 12:54 to 1:10 p.m., eastern standard time. The following members of this Bureau are on the program for the week beginning May 9:

May 10, 1:05 p.m., C. L. Harlan, Spring Lamb Markets  
May 11, 12:54 p.m., W. F. Callander, Winter Grain Prospects  
1:00 p.m., C. A. Burmeister, May Hog Markets  
1:05 p.m., C. V. Whalin, May Cattle Markets

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May 9, 12:34 p.m., Frank L. Lyons, The Grain Market Situation  
May 10, 12:35 p.m., F. H. McCampbell, Egg and Poultry Market Situation  
May 11, 12:33 p.m., W. E. Schneider, Our Daily Meat Supply  
May 12, 12:36 p.m., Carl J. Hansen, On Fruit and Vegetable Markets

### USE OF TRANSPORTATION REQUESTS FOR FERRY FARES.

This Bureau is in receipt of a communication from the Disbursing Clerk of the Department in which attention is called to a ruling by the Comptroller General that, under paragraphs 17 and 20 of the Standardized Government Travel Regulations, transportation requests must be used for transportation by ferries where the amount involved is \$1.00 or more. Hereafter transportation requests should be used for this purpose.

Where an operator of a ferry refuses to accept a Government transportation request, however, or where there are other good reasons for not using a request, payment may be made in cash, in which case the reimbursement account must be accompanied by a statement showing the reason for failure to use requests. This ruling does not apply to the ferriage of a personally owned automobile used on a mileage basis, as the mileage allowance covers all transportation charges, except that the distance traveled on a ferry may be charged as mileage.

BORROWED BOOKS SHOULD BE  
PROMPTLY RETURNED TO LIBRARY.

The prompt return by borrowers of all library books and periodicals, both those borrowed directly from the Department Library and from a Bureau library, is solicited by Miss Claribel R. Barnett, librarian. In the following memorandum, dated April 14, Miss Barnett explains the particular need for cooperation which is now necessary in this connection:

"The Library will be moved to its new quarters within the next few months. Before this move is made it is important that as many as possible of the books and periodicals that have been borrowed be returned so that plans may be made for the spacing of the books on the shelves. Users of the Library are therefore earnestly requested to go over their shelves and return all books and periodicals not in active use at this time. It is also important that this housecleaning and clearing of records be done at this time of the year before workers are leaving for the field or for vacations.

"This request applies not only to books and periodicals borrowed direct from the main Library but also to those borrowed through any of the branch libraries in the bureaus. In returning them confusion in the records will be obviated if they are returned to the unit from which they were borrowed.

"The prompt return of borrowed books and periodicals is important not only at this time but at all times. Care in the return of bound volumes of periodicals is especially requested. With the present staff it is, unfortunately, impossible for the Library to keep time records of all books borrowed. As a result many books are retained after the use of them has been finished. They are then forgotten and misplaced, or lent to some one else and no note made. Later it often happens that they cannot be found when their return is requested. This difficulty can be avoided if books and periodicals are promptly returned after they have served the immediate purpose for which they were borrowed. They can, of course, be borrowed again later, when needed. \*\*\*"

IN CONGRESS:

S. J. Res. 149, making funds available for grasshopper control, has passed the Senate.

H. R. 6662, a bill to amend the tariff act of 1930, has passed both Houses.

H. Res. 203, making in order amendments to be offered by the Committee on Economy to H. R. 11267, the legislative appropriation bill, was agreed to. This bill is now under consideration on the floor of the House.

New Bills:

S. 4535, by Senator Brookhart, to consolidate the personnel activities of the United States Government, and to provide for the appointment of an administrator and a Board of Civil Service Appeals \* \* \*.

H. R. 11718, by Mr. Hawley, to amend the act entitled, "An act to regulate foreign commerce by prohibiting the admission into the U. S. of certain adulterated grain and seeds unfit for seeding purposes," \* \* \*.

IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending April 29 are:

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its international development... ed. by Edwin R. A. Seligman... trans-  
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BUREAU BREVITIES.

THE SECOND OF THE SERIES OF REPORTS ON THE CANNING INDUSTRY, Prospects of Corn for Canning, prepared by Carlos E. Campbell of the Division of Statistical and Historical Research, was released on April 22. The supplies of canned corn are burdensome and there is prospect for an unusually heavy carry over, according to Mr. Campbell. Unless the pack is held down to a minimum, there is danger of a continuation of low prices next season. The first report in this series, released on February 26, related to the prospects for peas for canning.

ROUGH RICE STANDARDS have been revised so as to eliminate the factor Milling Quality from the sub-class California-Japan Rough Rice. The amendment was signed by Acting Secretary Dunlap on April 26, 1932.

ESTIMATED NUMBERS OF APPLE TREES, January 1, 1928, by Varieties and Ages in Commercial Orchards, in Kentucky, Georgia, Ohio, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Montana, are six recent reports by W. H. Youngman, Division of Farm Management and Costs, comprising a part of an economic study of the apple industry of the United States. The reports upon which these estimates are based were gathered by the State Statisticians of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates from apple growers in all apple sections of the respective States.

JOHN C. CARTER, OF THE PHOTOGRAPHIC LABORATORY, demonstrated his ingenuity recently when he produced a photograph of a turkey with its head attached from a photograph from which the head had been almost completely torn. The original photograph was of a hunchback specimen of turkey in a San Francisco market and was brought to Washington by Thos. W. Heitz, of the Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, for use in illustrating an article for a farm paper.

E. D. McDOWELL, MARKETING SPECIALIST, who is supervising the tobacco grading work in the Clarksville, Hopkinsville and Springfield districts of Kentucky and Tennessee, writes C. E. Gage, in charge of the Tobacco Section:

"You might be pleased to know that a gentleman representing a German firm was here this week and stated to me that he just arrived from abroad and that his people were much interested in the standard U. S. Grades for the different types of American grown tobacco."

STEPHEN BRAY'S WORK at Louisville, Kentucky, where recently he has been in charge of the local office of the Division of Livestock, Meats, and Wool, receives a fine endorsement in the following letter addressed by E. L. German, president and general manager of the Bourbon Stock Yard Company, of Louisville, to C. V. Whalin, in charge of the division:

"The Louisville Live Stock Exchange, the Producers Live Stock Marketing Association and the Bourbon Stock Yard Company wish to take this occasion to express their appreciation of the splendid work done by local representative, Mr. Stephen Bray, while in charge of the market news service at Louisville. Although confronted with the task of inaugurating a service which involved many radical departures from the established plan of market reporting, his ability to understand human nature and his thorough knowledge of live stock marketing enabled him to build up a department which is of genuine service to thousands of farmers and feeders of the South.

"We sincerely regret that it was necessary for your department to return him to Ogden."

HERE AND THERE.

Mr. Englund spent last Thursday and Friday in Chicago with a committee of the Land Grant College Association which was appointed by the executive body of that organization, with Dean Thomas P. Cooper of Kentucky as chairman, to prepare a report on the agricultural situation. Mr. Englund was called to participate in the meeting because the Bureau has been asked to contribute data and other material for use in the preparation of this report. It is expected that it will be presented at the next meeting of the Land Grant College Association with such recommendations as the committee may care to make. A report covering this general field was issued by the Association in November, 1927.

The National Advisory and Legislative Committee on Land Use and the Washington members of the National Land Use Planning Committee are holding a meeting in Washington this week, from May 2-4, inclusive, in the conference room of the administrative Building.

C. L. Finch, Division of Cotton Marketing, has just returned from Memphis, Tennessee, where he discussed with representatives of some of the designated spot cotton markets the matter of the determination and quotation of grade differences and staple premiums under the U. S. Cotton Futures Act.

O. E. Baker, Division of Land Economics, will attend the twentieth annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, to be held in San Francisco, May 17-20. He will deliver an address, entitled "The Interrelation of Agriculture and Fields of Enterprise."

The special course of study of cotton classing, announced in The B. A. E. News of April 13, is now in progress in the Division of Cotton Marketing. Chairmen of Boards of Cotton Examiners and Classification Committees now functioning under the United States Cotton Futures Act, the United States Cotton Standards Act, and the Mayfield-Jones Act are in Washington for this work. Others in attendance include members of the Board of Supervising Cotton Examiners at Memphis, Tenn., and field supervisors of licensed cotton classers in the employ of others.

Elmer T. Forsling, representative of the Division of Livestock, Meats, and Wool at Casper, Wyoming, visited south-central and southeastern Wyoming the latter part of the week of April 17, for the purpose of obtaining information and verifying rumors relating to contracts and sales of lambs and wool. He reports that new grass has a good start over the State and a storm over the week end that was general insures further rapid growth for the time at least. The more than 15 hours of heavy-water-content snow that fell in some areas had been preceded by rains. In southeastern Wyoming the storm developed into a blizzard which tied up all traffic for a day and delayed Mr. Forsling's return to Casper.



R. J. Cheatham, Division of Cotton Marketing, will leave Washington about May 14 for Atlanta, Ga., Columbia, S. C., and Raleigh, N. C., to confer with contractors, State highway department officials, and cotton manufacturers in regard to the use of cotton fabrics for curing concrete, and about other matters pertaining to studies of the utilization of American cotton. He will also participate in the thirty-sixth annual convention of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association, which will meet in Atlanta May 20-21, by giving an address, entitled, "A Comparison of the Practical Uses of Jute and Cotton."

J. C. Bigger, of the Philadelphia office, and E. P. Bostwick, in charge of the Chicago office, of the Canned Fruit and Vegetable Standardization and Grading Project, Division of Fruits and Vegetables, have been spending the last week in the field with canners, brokers, wholesale grocers and other interested persons, conferring in regard to tentative grades for certain canned vegetables. Mr. Bostwick spent the time in Minneapolis and Madison and other points in that area; Mr. Bigger, at various points in Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey.

The following field statisticians have been called to Washington to serve on the Crop Reporting Board in the preparation of the general crop report to be released May 10: W. H. Ebling, Wisconsin; G. L. Morgan, New Jersey; and Frank Parker, North Carolina.

William F. Funchess is transferring from the Chicago district office to the Boston office of the Grain Division.

Meade T. Foster, Division of Livestock, Meats, and Wool, will spend May 9 and 10 at the National Stock Yards, Illinois, preparing for and conducting lamb grading demonstrations.

Recently E. E. Conklin, Jr., of the inspection service, and W. H. Hall, of the market news service, of the Chicago office of the Division of Fruits and Vegetables, spoke to a large class in advance business and statistical research from the University of Ohio regarding the work of their respective projects. This body of students made a tour of the Chicago produce districts, accompanied by Charles W. Hauck, formerly of the Division of Fruits and Vegetables, and Professor Foster, both of whom are on the University staff at Columbus, Ohio.

Charles A. Burmeister, Division of Livestock, Meats, and Wool, and his brother, Gustave Burmeister, Division of Statistical and Historical Research, were called to Christine, Texas, last week, on account of the serious illness of their father, who died on April 23, before his sons could reach him.

For the benefit of the welfare work, orders for candy for Mother's Day will be taken by G. W. Morrison, chairman of the bureau committee of the Department Welfare Association. Sample boxes may be seen in room 401, Bieber Building.



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## EX-GOVERNOR BYRD CALLS MEETING OF APPLE INTERESTS IN WASHINGTON.

Harry F. Byrd, former Governor of Virginia, has invited the presidents of the horticultural societies from the barreled apple States to come to Washington on May 11 for a conference on the general marketing situation, particularly with regard to the difficulties which the United States is having in marketing apples in foreign countries. The Bureau of Agricultural Economics is making available its conference room, room 411 Bieber Building, for this meeting.

This Bureau and other branches of the Department interested in the industry will be represented at the meeting. The International Apple Association and possibly other trade organizations also will send representatives.

## GRADING DEMONSTRATIONS REACH MANY INDIANA WOOL GROWERS.

A series of wool grading schools were held in the State of Indiana from April 18 to 28 inclusive, by the wool section of the Division of Livestock, Meats, and Wool. The schools were sponsored by and under the auspices of the Indiana Wool Growers Association, this organization being a unit of the Indiana Farm Bureau, Incorporated, of Indianapolis, Indiana.

At all sessions the demonstrations and lectures were directed and delivered by J. Wiley Christie, specialist in wool marketing of the wool section. The important details and phases of wool grading, wool marketing, as well as proper fleece preparation, were discussed.

Lectures and demonstrations were given in thirteen towns throughout the State, each town where a school was held representing a county. As the area in the itinerary included a very large portion of the State, it is felt that a considerable number of the agricultural population engaged in wool growing were reached.

The Division of Livestock, Meats, and Wool believe that these wool grading schools serve a very good purpose in carrying to the wool growers of the various States many educational features, not only in demonstrating wool grading and the better preparation of fleece, but in helping to solve the marketing problems of this important agricultural product.

## NEW RADIO STATION FOR BROADCASTING BUREAU'S MARKET LIVESTOCK REPORTS.

"Giving out of reliable market information by radio, market newspapers and otherwise is just one of the many services rendered to stockmen at the central markets which have made such markets deservedly popu-

lar with a vast number of stockmen," says an editorial, entitled "A Lot of Them Are Pleased," in the South St. Paul Daily Reporter, South St. Paul, Minn., of March 23, 1932. The editorial relates to the new radio broadcasting studio, opened the day before, which was built by the St. Paul Union Stockyards Company for broadcasting the daily market reports of the Division of Livestock, Meats, and Wool.

A little more than two years ago the market interests extended a special wire to South St. Paul, providing facilities for these broadcasts from the Livestock Exchange Building, but as the room used for this purpose had no windows, no ventilation, and no heat, the St. Paul Union Stockyards Company has been on the lookout for better quarters. Early this year plans were drawn and preparations made to build a broadcasting studio on the main floor of the Livestock Exchange Building where it could easily be seen by the many market patrons and others interested in this service when they came to market. The purpose of the stockholders and management was to provide for the stock growers and shippers of the Northwest marketing facilities second to none, and this has now been accomplished. A loud speaker system has been installed in the building with one loud speaker on each floor.

The initial program from the studio, over WCCO, a special 30-minute broadcast on March 22, between 5:45 and 6:15 p.m., included a short summary of the day's livestock market, by A. B. Smeby, local representative of the Division of Livestock, Meats, and Wool; a dedicatory address by T. E. Good, president of the St. Paul Stockyards Company; an address by E. H. Gammons, vice-president of the Northwestern Broadcasting Company, Incorporated, and music by a well known orchestra in St. Paul.

Mr. Smeby completed six years of continuous broadcasting of livestock trading summaries on March 29, having also furnished during the seven years Station WCCO has been in operation, several short reports daily for broadcasting over that station. During that entire period the station has furnished the time for these broadcasts and the use of its facilities without charge, as part of their service to listeners of the Northwest. Relations between our local office and the station management have always been markedly pleasant at all times, Mr. Smeby reports.

In constructing the new studio, which is soundproof and in every way a regular radio studio, and in installing the loud speaker system, the Stockyards Company has spent a large sum of money. Mr. Smeby is very grateful for the splendid cooperation of the officials of the Stockyards Company in bringing these improvements to a complete realization.

The Stockyards Company recently also furnished, without charge, for the use of the Bureau's South St. Paul livestock office, improved bulletin boards and several display cases, with sliding glass doors, for the lobby of the Livestock Exchange, as part of the Bureau's daily display program.

#### HAY INSPECTION ELIMINATES TROUBLES OF GROWERS, RECEIVERS, AND DEALERS.

At least 95 per cent of the hay growers, receivers, and dealers' troubles have been eliminated since the installation of Federal Hay Inspection in Alabama, according to J. M. Browder of the firm of Browder



Brothers, wholesale merchandise brokers of Montgomery, Alabama. In a letter dated April 26, Mr. Browder writes A. D. Harlan, supervising hay inspector of the Division of Hay, Feed, and Seed, at Atlanta, Georgia:

"Our firm has been handling hay for the past fifteen to twenty years, and prior to the installation of the work covered by your department on this item, our business was more or less grief, due to improper grades of hay being shipped. The educational feature of your department has taught the farmers how to harvest and take care of their hay, and the inspection service renders growers, shippers, and receivers invaluable service, and one we have taken advantage of since it was installed. We can say, that since installation of Federal Hay Inspection in Alabama and its acceptance by all concerned, that at least 95 per cent of the hay growers, receivers and dealers' troubles have been eliminated. It is a service that we hardly see how handlers of hay can now get along without."

#### FILLING VACANCIES IN THE SERVICE BY TRANSFER.

In accordance with the plan of the Council of Personnel Administration, the Civil Service Commission has adopted a procedure of informing the various departments of vacancies in the Classified Civil Service coming under the several executive departments and independent establishments. It is the plan of the Council of Personnel Administration that persons already in the service be given the opportunity to transfer to higher grades or more desirable assignments.

Notices of such vacancies as they occur are received in the Personnel Office of the Bureau, and in turn will be posted on the bulletin boards on the first and seventh floors of the Bieber Building, 1358 B Street, S. W.

Ordinarily, only from two to three days are allowed in which a person may file his application. Applications should be made on Civil Service Form 375 and submitted to the Personnel Office of the Bureau (Room 718, Bieber Building) but not later than 2:30 p. m. on the date indicated in the notice of announcement.

#### BUREAU NOON-HOUR RADIO BROADCASTING PROGRAM.

The national radio program of the Department is broadcast daily except Sundays, from 12:54 to 1:10 p.m., eastern standard time. The following members of this Bureau are on the program for the week beginning May 16:

May 16, 12:54 p.m., A. G. Peterson, The Price Situation

1:00 p.m., J. B. Shepard, The Trend of Dairy Production

May 20, 12:54 p.m., V. C. Childs, Cotton Crop Report

The western radio program of the Department is broadcast daily except Saturdays and Sundays, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., Pacific standard time. Field members of the Bureau are on the program for the week beginning May 16, as follows:

May 16, 12:34 p.m., Frank L. Lyons, The Grain Market Situation

May 19, 12:35 p.m., Carl J. Hansen, On Fruit and Vegetable Markets



GREATER EFFICIENCY FROM A  
STANDARD ENVELOPE POWER SEALER.

Walter Kingsbury, in charge of the Los Angeles office of the Division of Fruits and Vegetables, offers the following helpful suggestion in a recent letter:

"Here is a method for combining economy with greater efficiency in operation of the standard power envelope sealer:

"We have found in the past that the rubber friction ring, against which the motor spindle works, is not only expensive but frequently short-lived. If the ring has a slight inequality, the spindle seems to be pulled against it with extra force at each revolution, wearing out a depression and resulting in slower and irregular operation. We have tried covering the friction ring and drum with two or three thicknesses of ordinary friction tape and have found that the motor spindle grips it more effectively, resulting in a noticeably greater speed. In addition, the tape protects the rubber from wear and should cause it to last almost indefinitely."

IN CONGRESS:

H. R. 11499, by Mr. Goldsborough, for restoring and maintaining the purchasing power of the dollar, has been passed by the House.

S. J. Res. 131, by Senator Black, to provide assistance for rehabilitation and relief in certain storm-stricken areas, has passed the Senate.

New Bills:

H. R. 11812, by Mr. Yon, to establish markets in the large cities of the United States.

H. R. 11892, by Mr. Johnson of Texas, to amend the tariff act of 1930 to authorize export-debenture certificates on agricultural products.

H. R. 11893, by Mr. Jones, to provide for utilizing a portion of unexpended balance of crop production funds for the purpose of establishing a research laboratory for utilizing cotton, cotton hulls, seeds, linters, and waste farm products.

H. R. 11816, by Mr. Colton, to stop injury to the public grazing lands by preventing overgrazing and soil deterioration\*\*\*\*\*.

MANUSCRIPTS SUBMITTED BY THE BUREAU DURING APRIL.

The following manuscripts were submitted to the Division of Publications during April:

Bercaw, L. O. and Colvin, E. M.: Bibliography on the marketing of agricultural products. (Supplement to Mis. Cir. 35). For Miscellaneous Publication.

Heitz, T. W.: Dressing and packing turkeys for market.

MANUSCRIPTS SUBMITTED - Continued.

Miller, H. A.: A simple way to increase crop yields. Revision of Farmers' Bulletin 924.

Nason, W. C.: Rural industries in Knott County, Ky. For Circular.

Service and Regulatory Announcement 132 (B.A.E.)  
Licensees---under P. A. C. Act.

Slocum, R. R.: Marketing eggs. Revision of Farmers' Bulletin 1378.

Washburn, R. S. and Martin, J. H.: An economic study of the broom-corn industry. For Technical Bulletin.

The following articles have been approved for publication in the periodicals named:

Garlock, F. L.: Book review: History and theory of agricultural credit in the United States. For American Historical Review.

Gerdes, F. L.: Cotton fiber quality in relation to ginning. For trade journals.

Gray, L. C.: Land speculation. For Encyclopedia of Social Sciences.

Lacy, Mary G.: A Time-saver in the Library. For The Administration Bulletin.

Manny, T. B.: The cooperative movement and the rural church. For Adult Student.

Meloy, G. S.: Grading cotton seed. For Cotton Oil Press, Cotton and Cotton Oil News, and Oil Miller and Cotton Ginner.

Vial, E. E.: Milk supply. For Encyclopedia of Social Sciences.

Wall, N. J.: New crop loans for farmers. For Burrows Clearing House Publication.

Wells, O. V.: The Farm Budget. For Journal of Farm Economics.

Willingmyre, D. W. and Mueller, W. A.: Wool work of the Livestock, Meats and Wool Division, B.A.E. For United States Daily.

Working, E. J.: Indications of changes in the demand for agricultural products. For Journal of Farm Economics.

IN THE LIBRARY:

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National industrial conference board, inc. Cost of government in the United States, 1929-1930. New York, National industrial conference board, inc., 1932. 167 p. (Its Studies in taxation and public finance) 284.5 N212C

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Ritter, Halsted L. Washington as a business man, with an introduction by Albert Bushnell Hart... New York, Sears publishing company, inc. [1931] 308 p. 120 W27R

U.S. Congress. House. Committee on agriculture. Livestock marketing. Hearing before the Committee on agriculture, House of representatives, Seventy-second Congress, first session. March 10 and 11, 1932... Washington, U. S. Govt. print. off., 1932. 83 p. 280.340 Un32

U.S. Congress. House. Committee on expenditures in the executive departments. Consolidation of personnel agencies. Hearings on H.R. 8389, a bill to consolidate and coordinate certain governmental activities affecting the civil service of the United States. Seventy-second Congress, first session. Washington, U.S. Govt. print. off., 1932. 99 p. 249.3 Un3

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BUREAU BREVITIES.

FACTORS AFFECTING THE PRICE of Rice, both southern-type and California-Japan type, are analyzed by Carlos E. Campbell of the Division of Statistical and Historical Research in Technical Bulletin 297, now being distributed. Footnote acknowledgment is made of the assistance of Miss Margaret Matheson in compiling, computing, and preparing for publication the statistical material in the bulletin.

PRODUCTION AND MARKETING CALENDAR OF AMERICAN FRUITS (with particular reference to export fruit) is a compilation by A. C. Edwards, junior agricultural economist of the Foreign Agricultural Service, with the assistance and suggestions of H. P. Gould, senior pomologist of the Bureau of Plant Industry. It presents a compendium of condensed marketing information on the chief varieties of American fruits grown in the important fruit producing States. Part 1 classifies each variety of fruit by color, size, shape, use and quality. Part 2 shows for each fruit, on the basis of varieties, the average blossoming period, average picking period, consumption period, and the storage life of the fruit. This report has been distributed to representatives of the Foreign Agricultural Service stationed abroad and to all technical employees of the Division of Fruits and Vegetables. Additional copies may be obtained from the Foreign Agricultural Service and the Division of Economic Information.

ANALYSIS OF THE PRICE-MAKING FORCES in the New York Egg Market, is a preliminary report now in mimeographed form of a study by F. A. Buechel, formerly senior agricultural economist, and S. L. Kedzierski, formerly associate agricultural economist, Division of Dairy and Poultry Products. In a footnote, special acknowledgment is made to G. H. Ward who prepared the part of the manuscript describing the market forces and assisted in outlining the quantitative analysis, and to Mrs. Beulah M. Cope who assisted in the statistical analysis. The market news service and grades and standardization sections of the Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, in charge of L. M. Davis and Rob R. Slccum, respectively, are credited with having given valuable assistance.

THE AGRICULTURAL OUTLOOK AND THE LAND PROBLEM, the address which Mr. Olsen made at the National Conference on Land Utilization in Chicago, November 19-21, 1931, is now in mimeographed form for distribution.

OUTLOOK CHARTS FOR 1932, for Wheat; Fruits: Apples, Citrus, Peaches, etc., and Beef Cattle, just released, add three more to the sets of charts which the Bureau has been issuing recently. Those previously released are for Potatoes and Truck Crops; Poultry and Eggs; and Hogs.

PROSPECTS FOR CANNING CROPS, the third of the series of reports on The Canning Industry, prepared by Carlos E. Campbell was released on May 7. In view of the prospects for a very small carryover, the outlook for tomato canners and growers appears to be somewhat better than the outlook for other canning crops.

SUPPLEMENT TO HANDBOOK OF DAIRY STATISTICS, by T. R. Pirtle, assistant marketing specialist, brings up-to-date the statistics in the Handbook of Dairy Statistics issued in 1928.

HERE AND THERE.

L. H. Bean, Division of Statistical and Historical Research, went to Kansas City, Mo., May 9, to present material concerning the agricultural situation, with special reference to conditions in the western grain producing sections, at the Interstate Commerce Commission hearings. The Commission's sessions, which have to far been held at Chicago, have adjourned to Kansas City, where the agricultural testimony is to be presented. Mr. Bean has been asked to appear as the first witness for the Commission in this part of the hearings.

R. B. Woolsey, in charge of Federal grain inspection at the Peoria, Illinois, office of the Grain Division, was elected vice president of the Federal Business Association at a recent meeting. M. L. Fuller, meteorologist in charge of the U. S. Weather Bureau Station, was re-elected president.

Theo. S. Thorfinnson, Agricultural Economics Extension Unit, left Washington May 2 for Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan and New York, in the interest of farm management extension work. He is also making a special study of methods employed in farm accounting and of outlook extension work.

Robert W. Bier, Division of Fruits and Vegetables, spent several days this week in conference with State marketing officials at Richmond, Virginia, and in supervising strawberry inspection at Wallace and Chadbourn, N. C.

C. E. Eckles, Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, spent Monday in Trenton, N. J., examining 500 cases of butter that had been delivered on contract to the State of New Jersey. This work is a re-check of the examinations previously made by Lester D. Reekie of the New York office, and Harry A. Rust of the Philadelphia office of the division.

W. B. Combs, of general field headquarters, Grain Division, Chicago, is spending the period May 2 to 13, assisting with grain grading schools on the Santa Fe Railroad.

Dr. L. M. Vaughan, extension economist, who recently joined the Agricultural Economics Extension Unit under a cooperative appointment between this Department and New York State College of Agriculture, has just completed a 5-day trip to Ithaca in the interest of the work of the Unit and to check on the work which he has under way at the College.

The Warehouse Division office at Wichita, Kansas, has moved from the Central Bank Building to the new Federal Building.

The Fruit and Vegetable inspection office at Chicago is in new quarters in the Fruit Distributors Building, having moved from the Producers Exchange Building.

W. T. S. White, chairman of the Board of Governors of the Institute of American Poultry Industries, called at the Washington offices of the Division of Dairy and Poultry Products last week for the purpose of becoming better acquainted with the various activities of the division.

Dr. Mary E. Pennington, of New York, formerly with the Department of Agriculture, also called in the division on Saturday, May 7, for a conference with Messrs. Potts and Slocum concerning certain features of the egg standardization work of the division.



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## BUREAU'S FINDINGS IN SURVEY OF MINERAL RESOURCES REPORTED TO SENATE AND RECOMMENDATIONS MADE.

Last week the Bureau furnished the Senate with a report of the findings made in an investigation of the mineral resources of the country as related to farm lands, as required by Senate Resolution 377, passed in the 71st Congress. The survey was conducted and the report prepared by Dr. W. A. Hartman of the Division of Land Economics under the general direction of Dr. L. C. Gray.

Various aspects of cooperative pools are discussed in the report, but the main theme is that because of the impossibility of locating oil or gas in advance of the drill, even where geologic conditions seem favorable for prospecting, and because of the unfamiliarity of farmers with the financial and technological aspects of the oil industry, the interests of farmers, individually and collectively, will be best conserved if they pool an undivided part of their mineral rights.

The report brings out the fact that there are approximately one billion acres of potential but as yet unexplored oil lands in the United States, and that farmers occupy a large part of that area. It does not recommend, however, that the proposed farmer cooperative pools should themselves finance the research for oil and the sinking of wells (because of the uncertainties and heavy expense of such undertakings) but should negotiate for such activities to be conducted and financed by bona fide development agencies or other oil interests.

It is recommended also that each member of a pool should retain at least an undivided one-half interest in his mineral rights, the remainder to be deeded to the pool in exchange for a certificate or headright representing a proportionate fractional interest in income derived from the entire spread of acreage in the pool. To avoid unfriendly group control, the report suggests that farmers' pools should follow the traditional principles of one man, one vote, or place a definite limit on the number of shares or headrights any one member may own, and that officers of a pool should be forbidden to convey title to any part of pooled mineral rights or to engage in production or distribution activities with pool finances. The pooling contract, moreover, should be for as long a period as is practicable and legally possible, inasmuch as the pooling of mineral rights should be viewed as a long-time potential investment rather than as a get-rich-quick scheme.

The Osage Indian Rights Pool is cited as the outstanding example of successful pooling of potential mineral resources. Many important differences are found between the problems involved in organizing this pool and those in the pooling of farmers' mineral rights. It is suggested, however, that many of the most important features of the Osage pool can be adapted to farmers' cooperative pools. More than one-half the total in-



come received by this pool has been derived from the sale of leases and bonuses, and not from royalties, and it is pointed out that from the experience of other land owners, it seems safe to assume that without collective bargaining power in the marketing of their mineral rights, the income the Osage Indians would have received from rentals and bonuses would have been comparatively small.

The report is being printed as Senate Document No. 93.

APPLE INTERESTS COMPLETE SPIRITED MEETING  
IN BUREAU UNDER EX-GOVERNOR BYRD.

An important meeting of apple interests was held in the conference room of the Bieber Building, in Washington, on May 11. At the invitation of former Governor Harry F. Byrd, of Virginia, the presidents of horticultural societies and representatives of other organizations interested in apples assembled from most of the barreled apple States east of the Mississippi River. Counting members of the Bureau staff in Washington, about 40 persons attended these meetings in the morning and afternoon. Mr. Byrd presided, and there were spirited discussions regarding the marketing situation for apples, with particular reference to export shipment requirements to meet the various decrees or embargoes issued by France, England and other European countries, as well as by Argentina.

The sentiment expressed at this conference favored the issuance during the 1932 season of the export form inspection certificates only on lots of apples which are of a higher grade than unclassified. While the exportation of apples to France will be limited to stock which is free from San Jose scale, the majority of those present at the conference believed that it would not be desirable to export apples to any other foreign country which show more than 2 per cent of San Jose scale. The other policies of the Bureau's inspection service, governing the issuance of the export form certificates as to freedom from spray residue, apple maggot and other worms, will be continued next season. Detailed instructions to inspectors regarding all of these matters will be issued as soon as definite policies have been decided by the Bureau.

FIRST ONION INSPECTIONS MADE  
FOR SHIPMENTS BY BOAT.

A new phase of shipping point inspection has developed in Texas this season in connection with boat shipments of Bermuda onions from Corpus Christie, Galveston and Port Houston. On May 10, 42 cars were inspected at Galveston for shipment on the S. S. Seminole, and 77 cars were inspected at Corpus Christie for shipment on the S. S. Munindies. Heretofore inspection work at these points has covered shipments by rail. This is the first time the Division of Fruits and Vegetables has inspected onions for shipment by boat.

Reports from this section indicate that the water route from these points to New York, Boston and other eastern ports are much lower than the rate by rail.

MARKETING AGENCIES TOUR POTATO  
DISTRICTS IN VIRGINIA.

A. E. Mercker, secretary of the Interstate Early Potato Committee, accompanied representatives of marketing agencies from North Carolina and of the Norfolk and Suffolk districts of Virginia on a tour of inspection of potato fields on the Eastern Shore of Virginia on May 17. The Virginia State Marketing Committee, of which John Wallace of Norfolk is chairman, conducted the tour. On the same day, these marketing agencies also discussed their mutual potato problems, such as the probable movement, rate of movement, time of movement, and prices, in an effort to eliminate overlapping of shipment and vicious price cutting.

Mr. Mercker spent May 16, the day before the inspection trip, in Elizabeth City, N. C., and is spending May 18 and 19 in Beaufort, Craven, Pamlico, Carteret, Wayne and Duplin Counties of North Carolina, making field inspections of potato growing conditions for the purpose of obtaining information for use in assisting the marketing agencies in South Carolina. He will be in Charleston, S. C., from May 20 to about June 3, consulting with and rendering advice and other assistance to the various marketing agencies that are handling the South Carolina potato crop. From June 4 to June 25 he will be in Washington, N. C., working with the North Carolina marketing agencies on their problems.

RAPID INCREASE IN MARKET NEWS  
BROADCASTING, NEW SCHEDULE SHOWS.

Crop and market news radio broadcasting schedules for 1932 have been compiled by C. F. Duvall of the Division of Economic Information and are now available for distribution as a 71-page multigraphed publication. The previous publication containing similar information was compiled by the late John C. Gilbert and released in 1929.

Radio market news broadcasting has developed rapidly since it was tried out experimentally in 1920. In 1921, 3 radio stations were broadcasting crop and market news information, one of these being the station at the University of Minnesota, another at the St. Louis University, and the third at the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company in Pittsburgh. The latter is the only one of the three original stations that is still making daily broadcasts. In 1922, the number of stations had increased to 65, in 1923, to 85, and in 1924, to 92. Practically no stations were added during the years 1925, 1926 and 1927. In 1928 there were 108 stations sending out this information; in 1929, the number increased by only two. This year's schedule shows that 253 stations are broadcasting market news. The increase shown over 110, as reported in the last printed schedule in 1929, is not entirely growth, inasmuch as some stations have been broadcasting this information but the Bureau has been unable until this year to get a report from them. It is possible that there are still some stations broadcasting market news from which the Bureau has not had a report.



"YUGOSLAVIA" AND "YUGOSLAV" FREQUENTLY  
MISPELLED IN OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE

The not infrequent occurrence of errors in the correspondence of Federal and State authorities in the spelling of the name of Yugoslavia, has been called to the attention of this Department through the Secretary of State, who has received a communication in this connection from the Minister to the United States of that kingdom, instancing the spelling "Yugo-slavakia" and "Yugc-slavonia."

Dr. W. W. Stockberger, director of personnel and business administration of the Department, in bringing this matter to the attention of bureau chiefs, requests:

"That all bureau officers whose function it is to review official correspondence take note of the correct spelling of the name of the kingdom, 'Yugoslavia,' and of the adjective, 'Yugoslav,' both as determined by the United States Geographic Board."

BUREAU NOON-HOUR RADIO  
BROADCASTING PROGRAM

The national radio program of the Department is broadcast daily except Sundays, from 12:54 to 1:10 p.m., eastern standard time. The following members of this Bureau are on the program for the week beginning May 23:

May 23, 1:00 p.m., G. A. Collier, May Grain Markets

May 25, 12:54 p.m., Roy C. Potts, May Poultry Markets

May 27, 12:54 p.m., L. M. Davis, May Dairy Markets

The western radio program of the Department is broadcast daily except Saturdays and Sundays, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., Pacific standard time. Field members of the Bureau are on the program for the week beginning May 23, as follows:

May 23, 12:33 p.m., Frank L. Lyons, The Grain Market Situation

May 25, 12:33 p.m., W. E. Schneider, May Livestock and Meat Markets

May 26, 12:34 p.m., Frank L. Lyons, May Alfalfa Markets

May 27, 12:33 p.m., Carl J. Hansen, On Fruit and Vegetable Markets.

IN CONGRESS:

Pursuant to S. Res. 377, a report pertaining to the mineral resources of the country as related to farm lands, prepared by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, was submitted to the Senate by the Secretary of Agriculture. This has been printed as Senate Document No. 93.

H. R. 9590, by Mr. Jones, to amend the Act providing for the collection of statistics of tobacco by the Department of Agriculture, has been reported by the House Committee on Agriculture. (Report No. 1268).

New Bills.

S. J. Res. 154, by Senator McNary, to provide information in regard to utilization of farm lands under prevailing conditions.

S. J. Res. 156, by Senator Copeland, authorizing the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to make loans to a municipality for the relief of unemployment.

S. 4632, by Senator Davis, to authorize the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to make loans to States and municipalities.

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U. S. Bureau of foreign and domestic commerce. Handbook of foreign tariffs and import regulations on agricultural products. V. Grains and grain products in Europe and other major markets, by Roberta P. Wakefield... prepared under the direction of Robert S. Hollingshead... and Henry Chalmers. Washington, U. S. Govt. print. off., 1932. 293 p. 157.54 T67 no.131

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BUREAU BREVITIES.

FARM PRICES OF COTTON RELATED TO ITS GRADE AND STAPLE LENGTH - Mississippi Crop - Season 1928-29, just released, is a preliminary report prepared by L. D. Howell, senior agricultural economist, John S. Burgess, Jr., assistant agricultural economist, and T. A. Neubauer, junior agricultural economist, Division of Cotton Marketing. The study was made under a cooperative agreement between the Bureau and the Mississippi Agricultural Experiment Station .

A LETTER OF APPRECIATION of the services of W. E. Schneider, in charge of the San Francisco office of the Division of Livestock, Meats, and Wool, who assisted with the recent sheepmen's Field Day of the University of California, featuring the close of the university's fifth year's work in crossbreeding studies for the production of California spring lambs, has been received from Professor R. F. Miller of the department of animal industry of the university. He writes C. V. Whalin, in charge of the division: "Mr. Schneider graded the lambs for us on April 19 and also participated in both the morning and afternoon program at the annual meeting. His remarks were indeed well received by the growers present. I sometimes feel that we work him too hard, but he is always glad to assist in this annual Field Day in every way possible. We are indeed grateful to you for granting him permission to participate in this annual program."

TENTATIVE U. S. STANDARDS for Classes and Grades for Dressed Domestic Rabbits have been published in mimeographed form and are now being distributed by the Division of Dairy and Poultry Products. They were prepared after a survey was made of production and marketing practices and conditions in southern California and in various producing sections and markets in the eastern part of the United States. They are subject to such later revision and change as their use may indicate as desirable and warranted. The division invites constructive suggestions and criticism of them.

OUTLOOK CHARTS FOR DAIRY PRODUCTS, 1932, are now available as the most recent release in the series which the Bureau is publishing of these charts.

MARKETING SUMMARIES FOR THE SEASON 1931 have been issued recently by the Division of Fruits and Vegetables as follows: Marketing Arizona Cantaloupes (Arizona Division of Fruit and Vegetable Standardization, cooperating), by R. G. Risser; Marketing Imperial Valley Cantaloupes (State of California Department of Agriculture, Division of Markets, cooperating), by A. E. Prugh and L. T. Kirby; Marketing Colorado Lettuce, Cauliflower, Cabbage and Green Peas (Colorado Extension Service, cooperating), by Bryce Morris; Marketing the Georgia Peach Crop (Georgia Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Markets, cooperating), by R. E. Keller; Marketing Western New York Celery (New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, cooperating), by R. L. Sutton and A. L. Thomas; Marketing Western New York Peaches (New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, cooperating), by R. L. Sutton and A. L. Thomas; Marketing North Carolina White Potatoes (North Carolina Department of Agriculture, Division of Markets, cooperating), by H. F. Willson; Marketing the Lower Rio Grande Valley Texas Potato Crop (Texas Department of Agriculture, Markets Division, cooperating) by C. D. Schoolcraft; Marketing Northwestern Fresh Prunes by J. D. Hamilton.

HERE AND THERE.

Mr. Hughes left Washington last Sunday, May 15, for Indianapolis, Louisville, New Orleans and Atlanta, in the interest of the satisfactory housing of the Bureau's branch offices in those cities.

J. L. Patterson, Division of Livestock, Meats, and Wool, has completed reporting the California lamb movement and returned to his headquarters at Ogden, Utah.

Guy S. Meloy, Division of Cotton Marketing, has been in New Orleans for the last week, attending the meeting of the American Oil Chemists Society and the National Cottonseed Products Association. He took part in the program by discussing necessary revisions of the methods of analyzing cottonseed and grading of cottonseed of the crop of 1931.

Roger F. Hale reported back in Washington on May 13, after having completed graduate work at Harvard University under the fellowship awarded him last year by the Social Science Research Council. Mr. Hale is the statistician in charge of the price reports of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates. During his absence from Washington his work has been handled by Sterling R. Newell of the division, along with the latter's regular duties of estimating fruit.

Paul M. Williams, in charge of the Canned Fruit and Vegetable Standardization and Grading Project, Division of Fruits and Vegetables, left Washington Monday night, May 16, for an extended trip to the West. He plans to stop at Cleveland, Chicago, Des Moines, Denver, Salt Lake City, Seattle, Portland, Los Angeles, Tulsa, Indianapolis, Cincinnati and other points in the States indicated. Mr. Williams will try to determine which of our branch offices have sufficient and suitable space for this special work in the grading of canned products, and probably will instruct some of the division's men in methods of grading certain products in their respective localities. He may be in the field until the middle of June.

Bert W. Whitlock, in charge of the Pacific Coast Headquarters of the Grain Division at Portland, Oregon, discussed the investigations which he made for the Bureau in Great Britain, on the method of using and marketing and the prices of California brewing barley in relation to other barleys grown throughout the world, at a meeting of the members of the San Francisco Grain Trade Association, called recently by the University of California Extension Service. Mr. Whitlock's address elicited, both for himself and the U. S. Department of Agriculture, a high compliment from Frank Sommers, president of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, for the excellent and painstaking work which is being done, which Mr. Sommers is sure will react favorably on this country's export trade.

On May 5, Mr. Whitlock, J. A. LeRoy, grain supervisor at Los Angeles, and J. F. MacKenzie, grain supervisor at San Francisco, held a conference, at which the tentative barley grades were discussed and various recommendations from the point of view of the Pacific Coast were presented by Mr. Whitlock.



T. W. Heitz, Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, was in Philadelphia last Friday, May 13, and instructed local graders in grading a shipment of rabbits intended for the U. S. Veterans Bureau Hospital at Perry-point, Md. This was the first time rabbits were graded according to Government standards.

Dr. W. H. Ebling of Wisconsin, Dr. R. L. Gillett of New York, and C. D. Stevens of Massachusetts, field statisticians of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, spent last week in Washington in conference with J. B. Shepard of the division and others, regarding the development of the dairy program.

Ray Weaver, of the Milling, Baking, and Chemical Laboratory, Grain Division, is spending a ten-day period, May 15 to 25, with officials of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, demonstrating how to properly blend Hard Red Spring wheat flour and Soft Red Winter wheat flour for best results in bread making. The services of Mr. Weaver have been loaned to the State of Pennsylvania for this period upon request from the State, who will bear the expense in connection therewith. Mr. Weaver's assistance was requested pursuant to a State policy which requires that State institutions use flour made from wheat grown in Pennsylvania in an amount equal to 50 per cent of the total flour used by such institutions in bread making.

M. R. Cooper, Division of Farm Management and Costs, spent Saturday, May 14, in Winchester, Virginia, in conference with representatives of the Agricultural Experiment Station of Virginia, West Virginia and Pennsylvania, and with others, regarding the cooperative study of the place of the orchard in the organization of the farm now being conducted in the Cumberland-Shenandoah region.

E. S. Coleman, who is connected with the Department of Agriculture of the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, has been a recent visitor in the Bureau. Mr. Coleman is on leave from his post in Southern Sudan, where his work involves supervision of cotton production by the natives in that area. He brought word from P. K. Norris, the cotton specialist of the Foreign Agricultural Service in Egypt, whom he had met when Mr. Norris was in the Sudan investigating cotton production earlier this year. Mr. Coleman spent some time looking into the work of the Division of Cotton Marketing, and gave an interesting and instructive talk in the division last Thursday on cotton production in the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, before members of the division and others in the Bureau interested in cotton production.

"Ticks," a unique new club in Omaha, composed entirely of men working in or associated with the sheep industry locally, elected Charles Bruce, in charge of the Omaha office of the Division of Livestock, Meats, and Wool, president at its first meeting April 30. Charter members of the club number approximately eighty. They represent all interests on the Omaha market, among them the commission firms, packers, stockyards employees, yard traders and feeders. "Ticks" is believed to be the first club of its kind in the United States. Its object is purely social.

The Forty-Sixth Annual Convention of the Association of Land-Grant Colleges and Universities will be held at Washington, D. C. November 14-16, 1932, according to an announcement received from Thomas Cooper, Secretary-Treasurer.

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## COTTONSEED STANDARDS ARE APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY.

Standards for cottonseed, the result of many years of experimenting and research on the part of Guy S. Meloy, senior marketing specialist of the Division of Cotton Marketing, were approved by Secretary Hyde on May 23. They will become effective as permissive official standards on June 1.

As long ago as 1913, the cottonseed industry requested the Department to study the subject of cottonseed with a view to establishing a method of grading. This work was conducted for two or three years and then abandoned because there appeared too many variables in the seed to arrive at standard grades. In 1925, the Interstate Cottonseed Crushers' Association requested the Department to resume the study of this subject, and work was begun in 1926 and an effort made to correlate the variable constituents of cottonseed.

The four products of cottonseed obtained by the crushing mills are in the order of their importance oil, meal, linters, and hulls. The first two, oil and meal, usually constitute between 85 and 90 per cent of the total value of the four constituents. The method of correlating these as worked out by Mr. Meloy was based on their relative values. A complicated plan was worked out and in 1928 recommended to the Cottonseed Crushers' Association for trial; in 1929 the formula was materially simplified; in 1930, it was further simplified, and in 1931, it was broadened to include all factors that affect either the quantity or quality of the product. This final plan has been in use two seasons, during each of which approximately one million tons of cottonseed have been purchased on grades. The record of these purchases show that the plan is equitable to all parties concerned.

In simple terms, the plan includes, first, the finding of a quantity index; second, the finding of a quality index. The quantity index is multiplied by the quality index as a percentage and a figure obtained which represents the grade. This grade figure represents the percentage of value of seed relative to the value of the base grade.

Sixty years ago cottonseed was not only a waste product, but a nuisance. Nearly every State had sanitary laws providing for the proper distribution of this waste. Today cottonseed has taken its place as a major agricultural product. Cottonseed ranked fifteenth in 1929 and sixteenth in 1930 as an agricultural crop. The cash farm income from cottonseed in 1928 was \$167,413,000; in 1929, \$143,568,000, and in 1930, \$91,576,000.

The convention of the National Cottonseed Products Association adopted for its trading rules the complete plan for grading cotton-



seed proposed by Mr. Meloy at its convention in New Orleans on May 16 and 17.

DEMANDS FOR BEEF GRADING SERVICE  
GREATER THAN EVER BEFORE.

Growing demand for the beef grading and stamping service at all points where this work is being conducted is what W. C. Davis, of the Division of Livestock, Meats, and Wool, found on a trip from which he has just returned. He reports that for the week ended May 14, the number of carcasses of beef graded and stamped according to Bureau standards, was 10,483, or the greatest quantity handled by the Bureau since the service was inaugurated in 1927.

Mr. Davis attended the convention of the National Association of Retail Meat Dealers at Toledo on May 10 and 11, on the first date addressing the delegates at the "Teabone" banquet on the subject of "Advantages of Group Purchasing for Retail Food Dealers." Several resolutions were passed at the convention pertaining to the Bureau's beef grading and stamping service. Of particular interest was the resolution offered by the Minneapolis Meat Dealers' Association, requesting that this service be extended to Minneapolis and South St. Paul.

Following the convention Mr. Davis visited Buffalo, Detroit, Chicago, Sioux City, Omaha, Kansas City and St. Louis, where he found the grading service making splendid progress.

LIVESTOCK REPORTS NOW BEING  
BROADCAST FROM CINCINNATI.

The Cincinnati Livestock Exchange has recently provided facilities through the local station WCKY for the daily broadcasting of the livestock market reports of the Division of Livestock, Meats, and Wool. This action is viewed by officials of the division as the successful culmination of the efforts of E. C. Eckloff, in charge of the division's Cincinnati office, and others in bringing about greater appreciation of and utilization by Cincinnati trade interests of the Bureau's market news service.

This new means of spreading local livestock market news has been announced in recent issues of The Cincinnati Live Stock Record ("Published in the interest of the livestock shipper, feeder, and farmer") in a six-line statement occupying one-third of its first page.

Another statement in this paper, introducing the daily livestock market reports issued by Mr. Eckloff, gives the division's Cincinnati office not only greater publicity than it has ever had, Mr. Eckloff feels, but reflects the changed attitude of all the firms on the Cincinnati market of letting the public know that these reports are coming from an unbiased source and consequently are of unquestionable value. The Cincinnati Live Stock Record's statement reads:

"We are bringing to you the latest livestock market reports, furnished by the United States Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, which are the official reports supplied by E. C. Eckloff, Local Representative, sponsored by the Cincinnati Livestock Exchange, consisting of the old line firms."

The Cincinnati office is the ninth field office of the Division of Livestock, Meats, and Wool to broadcast market news information by remote

control direct from the stockyards. The other offices which are disseminating market reports in this way are: Fort Worth, Texas; Wichita, Kansas; Kansas City and St. Joseph, Missouri; Omaha, Nebraska; Sioux City, Iowa; St. Paul, Minnesota; and Louisville, Kentucky.

#### FEDERAL-STATE EGG GRADING SERVICE

##### ARRANGED FOR MARYLAND PRODUCERS.

A group of Maryland egg producers near Washington are interested in marketing their eggs under a Federal-State grading program. They are proposing to have their eggs brought to a point near the District line where they will be graded by a grader licensed by the Department and employed by the State of Maryland, in accordance with the Bureau's regular cooperative arrangement for such grading work.

Eggs of the quality of "U. S. Extras" will be placed in cartons, sealed with certificates of quality, and delivered to a distributor in Washington, who, in turn, will place them in retail stores for sale to consumers.

Paul Roper, of the Maryland Extension Service, will act in the capacity of Federal-State supervisor of this grading work, and while the work is getting under way, will serve as the official licensed grader.

#### VACANCIES IN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

##### TO BE FILLED BY TRANSFER.

The Civil Service Commission has announced the following vacancies in the classified service which are to be filled, if possible, by transfer. Detailed information concerning the duties of and qualifications necessary for these positions may be obtained from official lists posted on the bulletin boards on the first and seventh floors of the Bieber Building, 1358 B Street, S. W. Copies of these lists are also being sent to units located in Buildings C and F.

Junior Chemist	- 1 male,	\$2000	Boston, Mass.	Permanent
Stenographer	- 1 male,	1620	Washington, D. C.	Permanent
Stenographer	- 3 female,	1260	Dover, N. J.	Permanent
Typist	- 5 female,	1260	Washington, D. C.	Permanent
Junior Social Worker	- 1 female,	1860	Los Angeles, Calif.	Permanent
Chauffeur	- 1 male,	1200	Washington, D. C.	Permanent
Messenger	- 1 male,	1200	Washington, D. C.	Permanent
Junior Messenger	- 2 male,	600	Washington, D. C.	Permanent
Prohibition Agent	- 1 male,	2300		Permanent

Any employee who has completed the probationary period may apply for transfer to any of the above positions, if he meets the requirements given in the lists, by filing Civil Service application Form 375 with the Personnel Office of the Bureau, Room 718, 1358 B Street, S. W., by not later than 2:00 P. M., Tuesday, May 31, 1932. A separate form must be filed for each position for which application is made. Form 375 may be obtained from the Personnel Office. The oath need not be executed before filing the application, but may be required before appointment.

Where the time limit set for the filing of applications permits, notice of Vacancies to be Filled by Transfer will be published in The B. A. E. News. Copies are posted on the bulletin boards on the first and seventh floors of the Bieber Building covering lists that cannot be published in the B. A. E. News on account of the time limit set for the filing of applications.



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June 1, 12:54 p.m., A. B. Genung, Comments on the Domestic Agricultural Situation

1:00 p.m., L. A. Wheeler, Foreign Agricultural News

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June 1, 12:34 p.m., W. E. Schneider, Marketing Cycles in Livestock.

June 2, 12:33 p.m., Carl J. Hansen, On Fruit and Vegetable Markets.

ONLY EMERGENCY ORDEPS FOR JOB-PRINTING  
TO BE CONSIDERED UNTIL AFTER JULY 1.

In view of the fact that the Bureau's allotment of printing funds is exhausted, special effort must be made to conserve job-printing matter, in the nature of forms, blanks, etc., during the next three months. Since only orders of extreme emergency can be considered until after July 1, there will be a large demand for printing at that time, with the result that quick deliveries can hardly be expected.

Wherever possible, simple forms which can be mimeographed or roto-printed will have to be used.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HANDLING OFFICIAL  
REGISTERED MAIL RECEIVED IN BAD CCNDITION.

The following letter, dated May 11, 1932, from the Postmaster, Washington, D. C., outlining the procedure to be followed for the handling of official registered mail received in bad condition, is brought to the attention of all responsible employees at the request of Dr. W. W. Stockberger, director of Personnel and Business Administration. Doctor Stockberger also asks that particular attention be directed to the request of the Post Office Department for the return of the re-enclosing envelope.

"The Postal Laws and Regulations provide that registered mail becoming damaged during its handling by the postal service shall be re-enclosed in a special envelope provided for such purpose. It is further provided that such mail shall be opened and the contents examined upon delivery in the presence of the delivering postal employee.

"The Post Office Department realizes that it is impracticable to accord such treatment to official registered mail addressed to the various Government departments and bureaus in Washington as such mail is in most cases delivered to messengers who are not authorized to open the mail they receive.

"This office has therefore been requested to advise you that any official registered mail addressed to your institution, received in bad condition, will be delivered with the other registered mail and it is suggested that such mail be examined upon receipt at your office by some responsible official and this office advised by the return of the re-enclosing envelope, appropriately indorsed, whether or not the contents are intact."

LIMITING DISTRIBUTION OF PRINTED  
PUBLICATIONS TO CONSERVE FUNDS.

In order to conserve printing funds, the editions of printed publications are being held to the minimum. Automatic distribution is being made only to official lists of those who have immediate use for these publications and in response to specific requests for copies of specific publications. Bulletins that will be of value over a considerable period are being plated, so that later editions can be ordered whenever the demand justifies.

Distribution of quantities of an individual bulletin to one correspondent are being held down to the minimum.

Lists of the older publications are being reviewed to reduce stocks of those that are no longer useful. Some of these bulletins will be placed entirely in the sales stock of the Superintendent of Documents of the Government Printing Office. Others will be listed but will be kept in stock for answering correspondents, while others will be entirely discontinued.

IN CONGRESS:

S.2409, by Senator Norbeck, to amend the Federal Farm Loan Act in regard to Federal intermediate credit banks, \*\*\* has passed the House.

S. 1197, by Senator Frazier, to liquidate and refinance agricultural indebtedness, \*\*\* and create a board of agriculture to supervise same, \*\*\* has been reported by the House Committee on Agriculture with amendments.

New Bills.

H. R. 12200, by Mr. Britton, to consolidate the civil personnel activities of the U. S. Government \*\*\*.

S. 4703, by Senator Sheppard, to authorize the free importation into the United States of goods bartered for farm products.

H. R. 12141, by Mr. Maas, to grant the President of the United States authority to transfer Federal employees from one department to another temporarily and to create a central bureau.

H. R. 12227, by Mr. Jones, to remove certain burdens on interstate commerce in agricultural commodities by providing means of limiting the amount of short future trading which may be done in such commodities \*\*\*.

H. Res. 223, by Mr. Sabath, to appoint a committee to ascertain or recommend the price of commodities.

H. J. Res. 385, by Mr. Somers, authorizing the calling of an international monetary conference \*\*\*.

H. J. Res. 389, by Mr. Maas, to create a national revolving fund out of tax revenues.

H. J. Res. 394, by Mr. Strong, providing for financing sales of wheat and cotton in foreign markets.



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Taylor, Gordon. The Agricultural bank and Industries assistance board; or Government loans to farmers in Western Australia... Melbourne, London, Macmillan & co. ltd., 1921. 94p. 284.2 T21

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HERE AND THERE.

C. V. Whalin, in charge, and M. C. Romberger, of the Division of Livestock, Meats, and Wool, will attend the meeting of the Tanners' Council in Atlantic City, N. J., May 26 and 27. Mr. Whalin is on the program for an address on the subject, "Hide Conservation and Standardization."

V. N. Valgren, Division of Agricultural Finance, will make a 10-minute address, entitled "Farm Insurance Needs and Facilities," on the General Electric Company Station WGY at Schenectady, N. Y., at noon, May 27. In the evening of the same day he will speak over that station, on the FarmForum program, on the subject of "Crop Insurance." The Farm Forum, presented weekly, is about the only radio program of its kind given at night. Station WGY is a 50,000-watt station, one of the 10 most powerful broadcasting stations of the country. According to G. Emerson Markham, in charge, his Farm Forum has a large audience, particularly in New England, New York State, and Pennsylvania.

E. O. Pollock, of the Washington office, Division of Hay, Feed, and Seed, spent Monday at Camp Dix, New Jersey, for the purpose of supervising the work of the Army hay inspector located at that point, and of handling a controversy that had arisen between the Army and one of the civilian contractors who has been supplying hay to that post.

An Algerian commission, studying fruit growing in the United States, was in Washington on Saturday, May 21, and visited this Bureau among other branches of the Department. They were brought here by Knowles A. Ryerson, in charge of the Division of Foreign Plant Introduction, Bureau of Plant Industry, and consulted L. A. Wheeler, of the Foreign Agricultural Service, and W. A. Sherman, in charge of the Division of Fruits and Vegetables, about fruit handling and marketing in the United States. The group left on the same day to make a study of fruit production in California, which is more like Algeria in this respect than any other fruit growing section of the United States.

C. E. Edmunds, supervising inspector of the Chicago office, Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, will present a paper on "Condemnations for Tuberculosis in Poultry Canning Plants," before the Mid-Western States Tuberculosis Conference, which is meeting in Madison, Wisconsin, May 25 and 26.

John W. Wright, Division of Cotton Marketing, is spending the week on a trip to Atlanta, Georgia, and Columbia, South Carolina, where he is advising with field workers engaged in a study of cotton movement in Georgia, to decide upon steps necessary to be taken at this time to bring the study to a successful conclusion.

The Department Welfare Association cleared \$35 in the sale of candy in the Department for Easter.



Dr. Walter Bauer, technical assistant in the Marseilles office of the Foreign Agricultural Service, has been in Washington during the last week and called on members of the Bureau. While here he has had several conferences with officials of the staff regarding his work.

W. P. Carroll, supervisor of the Chicago office, and W. A. Pahl, supervisor of the Duluth office, Grain Division, returned recently to Minneapolis after having conducted educational meetings in the Dakotas and Minnesota in cooperation with the Milwaukee Railroad Exhibition car. They reported unusually fine attendance, there having been a 100 percent response at three meetings to the invitations sent out.

Meade T. Foster, Division of Livestock, Meats, and Wool, is spending this week and will spend next week in Virginia, conducting lamb grading demonstrations throughout the State under a cooperative arrangement between this Bureau and the Division of Markets of the Virginia Department of Agriculture.

Robert G. Hill, Division of Fruits and Vegetables, left Washington Sunday for points in Virginia and North Carolina for the purpose of conferring with shellers and growers of peanuts, regarding the revision of grades for farmers' Stock Virginia-type peanuts.

Richard O. Been, of the Washington office of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, is being detailed to Boston for three months to assist the New England office with the peak load of work during the summer season.

G. F. Booker, Division of Hay, Feed, and Seed, left Washington on May 21 for points in Kentucky, Ohio, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana and Louisiana where he is obtaining information for reports covering Kentucky bluegrass, orchard grass, white clover, carpet grass, and meadow fescue seed crops. He will be engaged in the field on this work until about the end of June.

Robert Bier, Division of Fruits and Vegetables, left Washington Sunday for Marion, Md., where he is spending several days getting the shipping point inspection work on strawberries under way.

Mrs. Alice R. Stevens will retire from the Bureau on May 26, upon completion of approximately 22 years of service in the Department. She was a member of the Bureau of Plant Industry from July, 1897, to July, 1905, when she retired to marry. After her husband's death, she returned to the Department in June, 1918, to a position in the Division of Livestock, Meats, and Wool, where she has been engaged until this time in statistical and general clerical work.

Mrs. Stevens' usual smiling response to inquiries about her health that "I am aggravatingly well," is characteristic of her cheerful attitude toward life. Shortly after retirement she will visit her brother in California. Her friends hope that that will be only the beginning of a long and pleasant period of vacation and rest. She plans to make her home in her native State of West Virginia.

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## PLANS FOR REGIONAL OUTLOOK

### CONFERENCES GET UNDER WAY.

Plans are being made to hold the annual Regional Outlook Conferences for dissemination to the States of economic and outlook information in cooperation with State institutions. Owing to the necessity of further curtailing travel, the Bureau attendance at these meetings this year will be smaller than usual.

Dates have been set for two regional conferences. That for the Western States will be held at Salt Lake City, Utah, August 11 and 12, and for the Central States, at Chicago, Illinois, September 14 to 16. It has been arranged that two Bureau men will attend the meeting at Salt Lake City.

The plan is to handle fewer subjects than has been done in former years, but to devote more time to each subject in order to give opportunity for a more thorough presentation of data and for explanation and discussion of the basic facts behind the outlook.

## CROP ESTIMATES REVISIONS

### PARTIALLY COMPLETED.

Estimates of crop acreage and production are being revised by the Crop Reporting Board based upon reports of the Census. The revisions for the crops of 1929, 1930 and 1931 were made and published in December on the basis of accepting the Census acreage and production figures for 1929 and adjusting the 1930 and 1931 figures to this base. The greatest adjustments to the Census figures were made for those crops which are largely fed or consumed on farms. For these crops the revision was chiefly downward, which represents the shift from reports based on field weight at harvest to a census taken some months later, after there has been some shrinkage in curing, cleaning, and culling.

The acreage as represented by 10 principal crops was revised slightly downward, notable exceptions being wheat, barley and rye.

The yields per acre were also revised downward, except in the case of potatoes and tobacco.

Revisions of acreage and yield estimates of the principal crops (except cotton) for the period 1919 to 1928 were completed and published in April. These estimates were also adjusted to the Census reports for 1919, 1924 and 1929. They are comparable with the estimates for the three years 1929, 1930 and 1931 mentioned above.

The revised acreage figures adhere closely to the Census acreages for 1919 and 1930 but in many cases differ from the Census figures for 1924, because of indications that the 1924 census did not have the same degree of completeness as those for 1919 and 1929.



DR. O. E. BAKER REPORTS ON U. S.  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING.

Dr. O. E. Baker, Division of Land Economics, who attended the recent meeting of the United States Chamber of Commerce at San Francisco has the following report to make concerning the meeting:

The round table devoted to "Agriculture in Relation to Business" at the meeting of the United States Chamber of Commerce at San Francisco May 19 was attended by about 100 persons and much interest was shown in the subject of land utilization and economic planning.

Four papers were presented at the round table:

(1) Land utilization, particularly with reference to whether man power and crop acreage is overexpanded, and whether future domestic requirements for food and fibre will necessitate an increase in farm acreage. This paper was presented by Doctor Baker, and was discussed by H R. Tolley of the Giannini Foundation, University of California.

(2) Economic planning, particularly whether planning in industry will be of benefit to agriculture and how stabilization of employment and production in agriculture and other industry can be coordinated. Regional competition in agricultural planning was also considered. The paper was presented by Henry I. Harriman, the new President of the United States Chamber of Commerce.

(3) Distribution, which included a discussion of how the distributor can assist the farmer to better plan his production, and what changes in production have been made in response to consumer demands. This paper was read by D. W. Corey of the Acceptance Corporation of Los Angeles.

(4) Credit, particularly whether the present banking service is adequate to meet agriculture's demands, or is a new specialized credit system needed for agricultural production and consumption. This paper was presented by W. D. Ellis, President of the Land Bank at Berkeley, California.

This made a very full program and the general discussion tended to concentrate around the subject of distribution, particularly cooperative versus private initiative in marketing farm products. The election of Mr. Harriman to the presidency of the Chamber of Commerce suggests, however, that economic planning will receive careful consideration by the Chamber during the coming year. Mr. Harriman was chairman of the committee on "Continuity of Business and Employment," which submitted a report to the Chamber of Commerce in October, 1931.

ALFALFA GROWERS ORGANIZE TO IMPROVE  
PRODUCTION AND MARKETING PRACTICES.

Alfalfa growers of Washington County, Mississippi, organized an association on May 20 for the purpose of improving hay production and marketing practices in that county.

Through a joint arrangement between the Bureau and the Mississippi State Department of Agriculture a licensed Federal-State hay inspector has been employed and stationed at Greenville to assist with educational work among producers of alfalfa and to make inspections of alfalfa shipped from that section.

BUREAU NOON-HOUR RADIO  
BROADCASTING PROGRAM.

The national radio program of the Department is broadcast daily except Sundays, from 12:45 to 1:10 p. m., eastern standard time. The following members of the Bureau are on the program for the week beginning June 6:

June 6, 1:00 p.m., C. L. Harlan, June Wool and Lamb Markets  
June 7, 1:05 p.m., C. A. Burmeister, June Hog Markets  
June 8, 1:00 p.m., C. V. Whalin, June Cattle Markets  
June 10, 1:00 p.m., Messrs. Callander, Becker and Koenig, Review of Food and Feed and Hay and Grain Crop Reports

The western radio program of the Department is broadcast daily except Saturdays and Sundays, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., Pacific standard time. Field members of the Bureau are on this program for the week beginning June 6, as follows:

June 6, 12:34 p.m., Frank L. Lyons, The Grain Market Situation  
June 7, 12:34 p.m., Frank H. McCampbell, The Dairy Market Situation  
June 8, 12:34 p.m., W. E. Schneider, The Wool Market Situation  
June 9, 12:34 p.m., Carl J. Hansen, On Fruit and Vegetable Markets

SEVERAL EXAMINATIONS ANNOUNCED  
BY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

The following open competitive examinations are announced by the Civil Service Commission:

FARM AGENT, \$1860 a year. Applications must be on file with the Commission at Washington, D. C., not later than June 7.

This position is open to applicants who have had experience west of and including the following States: Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. Vacancies in the Indian Service, and vacancies occurring in positions requiring similar qualifications, will be filled from this examination, unless it is found in the interest of the service to fill any vacancy by reinstatement, transfer, or promotion.

As the duties of this position call for specialized experience, the register of eligibles will be divided as follows: (a) General farming, including dairying; (b) Stock raising under range conditions; (c) Irrigation farming; (d) Dry farming.

FIELD ASSISTANT, at the rate of \$2,000 to \$2,500 a year; FIELD AIDE, at the rate of \$1,440 to \$1,980 a year; ASSISTANT FIELD AIDE, at the rate of \$900 to \$1,560 a year. All positions will be for seasonal employment. Applications must be on file with the commission at Washington, D. C., not later than August 31.

The names of eligibles from these examinations will be placed on specialized lists in entomology or plant industry according to their education and experience. The names of eligibles on a higher-grade register may be placed on a lower-grade register provided the eligibles express willingness to accept the lower salary.

Copies of announcements of the above examinations, containing full information as to education, training, and other requirements, may be obtained direct from the Civil Service Commission or from the Personnel Office of the Bureau.



LIMITATIONS ON USE  
OF PENALTY ENVELOPES.

The following letter from the Third Assistant Postmaster General, in regard to the limitations on the use of penalty envelopes, is quoted for the information of members of this Bureau:

"It has come to attention that you recently mailed free of postage under the penalty privilege a circular letter dated February 10, 1932, \* \* \* reading in part as follows:

'Please fill out the inclosed \* \* \* schedule and return it in the inclosed self-addressed envelope.

'Please address the inclosed filled envelope, which contains a similar schedule, to \* \* \*. Simply write his address on the sealed envelope and mail it.'

"It is deemed proper to advise you, therefore, that while under the law governing the exercise of the penalty privilege, embodied in paragraph 5, section 485, Postal Laws and Regulations:

'Any department or officer authorized to use the penalty envelopes may inclose them with return address to any person or persons from or through whom official information is desired, the same to be used only to cover such official information, and indorsements relating thereto,'

this provision restricts the furnishing of a penalty envelope for use by a private person or concern to cases in which the request is for information to be returned to the department, branch or officer of the Government furnishing the envelope. In other words, there is no provision of law under which a department or officer authorized to use penalty envelopes may furnish such an envelope to a person who is not an officer of the Government to transmit to a third party a piece of mail without payment of postage under the conditions set forth in the second paragraph above quoted."

IN CONGRESS:

S.2409, by Senator Norbeck, to amend the Federal Farm Loan Act in regard to Federal intermediate credit banks, \*\*\* has been signed by the President.

New Bills:

S.4727, by Senator Barbour, to amend the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act for the purpose of providing for employment through the construction of works of a national character \*\*\*.

H. R. 12249, by Mr. Hill, to provide that advances under the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act may be made for crop planting or crop cultivation during the year 1932.

S. J. Res. 163, by Senator Smith, to provide for the purchase and merchandising of wheat and cotton by the Secretary of Agriculture.

H. J. Res. 406, by Mr. Johnson, directing liberalization of the policy of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act concerning loans for agriculture.

BUREAU BREVITIES.

AUCTION SALES OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES IN CITY MARKETS, a preliminary mimeographed report by J. W. Park, agricultural economist of the Division of Fruits and Vegetables, summarizes the statistics of fruit and vegetable auction sales in the large city markets. It revises, brings up to date, and adds to the statistical information in Department Bulletin 1362 issued in 1925, entitled American Fruit and Produce Auctions. This mimeographed summary with a brief analysis of the tabular material which is included, is issued for the immediate use of growers, shippers, dealers, and others interested in fruit and vegetable marketing. Copies may be obtained from the Division of Economic Information.

TABLE OF NUMBER OF PACKAGES PER CARLOAD, another recent mimeographed release of the Division of Fruits and Vegetables, contains tabular information which was compiled from data supplied by shippers, dealers, railroads, and representatives of the Bureau. Records of the inspection service were also used where possible.

THIS BUREAU AND THE BUREAU OF DAIRY INDUSTRY come in for a bit of praise in an editorial in The Dairy Record for May 18, which reads in part: "Upon a number of occasions we have expressed our opinion of two governmental agencies, the Federal Farm Board and the U. S. Department of Agriculture, in a manner not particularly flattering to them. But this does not mean that we are not highly appreciative of some of the splendid work being done by certain divisions of the department, notably the Bureau of Dairy Industry and the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. \* \* \* The statistics of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics are indispensable to any student of dairy economics. The Dairy Record publishes only a minor part of the data which are issued by the bureau, but this is only because those reports are sent to any reader, upon request, and it is not in conformity with our policy to publish such material when it is available for general distribution from direct sources."

CONSUMPTION OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS IN FIFTEEN COUNTRIES declined 9.5 per cent last year, and there are indications of a further decrease so far this year, according to J. B. Hutson, tobacco specialist of the Bureau in Europe. The decrease is attributed chiefly to maintained or increased tobacco prices in most countries whereas prices of most other commodities have declined.

THE MOST RECENT MARKETING SUMMARIES for the season 1931, issued by the Division of Fruits and Vegetables, are: Marketing Colorado Cantaloupes, by R. G. Risser; Marketing Colorado Peaches and Pears (Colorado Extension Service cooperating), by Bryce Morris; Marketing Southeastern Watermelons, by R. Maynard Peterson; Marketing Louisiana Potatoes, by John W. Coleman; Marketing Western New York and Pennsylvania Grapes (New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets cooperating), by R. L. Sutton, L. D. Spink, and A. L. Thomas; Marketing Eastern Shore Potatoes (Virginia Department of Agriculture and Immigration, Division of Markets, and Maryland State Department of Markets cooperating), by V. H. Nicholson.



IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending May 27 are:

- Christensen, Chris Lauriths. Co-operation as a stabilizing force in agriculture... [Chicago] The University of Chicago press [1932] 10 p. (National advisory council on radio in education. Economic series lectures no. 26) 280 N216 no.26
- Grossmann, Charles J. Rudolph. The economic importance of manufacturing and of its leading lines in Texas. Austin, Bureau of business research, The University of Texas, 1931. 39p. [Texas. University. Bureau of business research. Mimeograph bulletin. no. S-2] 280.083 G91
- McCurdy, Charles A. Empire free trade, a study of the effects of free trade on British industry and of the opportunities for trade expansion within the empire... an introduction by Lord Beaverbrook. London, Hutchinson & co. [1930] 124p. 285 M13.
- Nast, Alfred. Les coopératives agricoles devant l'impôt, à propos d'une brochure de m. Compeyrot. [Pithiviers, Impr. gén.de la Beauce et du Gâtinais, 1931] 40 p. (Édition des cahiers de la coopération et du crédit agricole) 280.2 N18C.
- National industrial conference board. The cost of living in the United States in 1931. New York, 1932. 52 p. 284.4 N212C1 1931.
- Prewett, Frank James... Problems of milk distribution. Oxford, Clarendon press, 1932. 31 p. 280.344 P92.
- Stamp, Sir Josiah Charles. The financial aftermath of war. New York, C. Scribner's sons, 1932. 149 p. 284 St2F.
- U. S. Congress. House. Committee on agriculture. Rehabilitation of storm-stricken areas. Hearing, Seventy-second Congress, first session. April 11 and 12, 1932. Serial H. Washington, U.S.Govt.print.off., 1932. 44 p. 284.2 Un324Re
- U.S. Congress. House. Committee on banking and currency. Stabilization of commodity prices. Hearings. Seventy-second Congress, first session, on H.R. 10517, for increasing and stabilizing the price level of commodities, and for other purposes. March 16, 1932... Washington, U.S.Govt.print.off., 1932. 284 Un35Stc
- U.S. Congress. Senate. Committee on agriculture and forestry. Tax exemption - farmers' cooperatives. Hearing, Seventy-second Congress, first session, on S.Res.43, a resolution authorizing the Committee on agriculture to investigate the question of the exemption of farmers' cooperative organizations under the various revenue acts. April 23, 1932... Washington, U.S.Govt.print.off., 1932. 43 p. 280.2 Un33T.

HERE AND THERE.

Chas. E. Gage, in charge of the Tobacco Section, recently spent a week inspecting the work of tobacco grading in Kentucky and Tennessee.

The Bureau will start moving into the new Extensible Building, facing on B Street, between 13th Street and Linworth Place, S.W., at the end of this week. The Telegraph Office will move first, to be followed by the commodity divisions which use the leased wire. After that the administrative office and those units of the Bureau located in the neighborhood of the Bieber Building will move.

Dr. W. A. Hartman, Division of Land Economics, will leave Washington for Georgia, June 10, for the purpose of conferring with officials and others in the State in regard to the development of a local program of land utilization. He will also inspect colonization projects in that State and in the States of Alabama, Florida, North Carolina and South Carolina, which he will also visit. Doctor Hartman will be in the field for several weeks.

Dr. L. M. Vaughan, extension economist of the Agricultural Economics Extension Unit, will leave Washington June 6 for a three weeks' trip in the New England States. He will spend about three days with farm management and marketing extension men in each of the six States, studying their programs and procedure of work. This and similar information from other States throughout the country he will carry to the New England extension forces as he visits them.

W. R. Kuehn, in charge of the Minneapolis office of the Division of Hay, Feed, and Seed, will discuss the Seed Verification Service of the Bureau during the meeting of the International Crop Improvement Association in Rapid City, S. D., June 2 and 3.

The wheat grading school, in which the Grain Division cooperated with Kansas State College has recently completed two weeks tour of the State of Kansas. The Santa Fe Railway Company provided a coach fitted up completely as a laboratory, in which 75 persons could be accommodated. The capacity of the coach was taxed at nearly all stops.

W. B. Combs, of the Chicago field headquarters office, E. L. Morris, division supervisor of the Kansas City office, and G. F. Binderim of the Wichita office participated in this school. They report that a very lively interest was manifested by those in attendance and a familiarity with the standards and factors determining the grade was apparent to a degree far beyond the expectations of those in charge. Another pleasing feature was the approval of the work of inspection which was rendered and the resultant grades.

The sum of \$49.30 was realized from the sale of poppies by the Bureau Welfare Committee for the benefit of Federal Post 824, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

E. C. Voorhies, agricultural economist of the University of California, spent Tuesday in Washington in consultation with members of the Bureau and gathering information regarding honey.



Frank B. Wilkinson, Tobacco Section, left Washington May 28 for Henderson and Madisonville, Ky., to start the tobacco grading service on these markets for the Stemming District Tobacco Growers Association, and to visit other markets in Kentucky and in the State of Tennessee for the purpose of supervising the tobacco grading service there. The Stemming District Tobacco Growers Association is the third association in Kentucky to use the Bureau's tobacco grading service; the other two, the Eastern Dark Fired Tobacco Growers and the Western Dark Fired Tobacco Growers Association, are also operating in Tennessee.

Dr. Walter J. Roth, Division of Farm Management and Costs, returned to Washington May 28 after having completed approximately three months' work in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

George L. Crawford, Division of Cotton Marketing, has just completed a trip to Boston, Mass., Providence, R. I., New York, N. Y., and Plainfield, Conn., where he conferred with officials of cotton mills concerning spinning tests of Pima cotton grown under irrigation in the Southwestern United States, and studied the spinning quality of such cotton according to growth conditions. He made the trip back from Boston by airplane.

Byron Hunter of the Division of Farm Management and Costs is leaving Washington about June 1 to assist the Department of Agricultural Economics of the State College of Washington in a farm organization study of the Sunnyside Unit of the Yakima Irrigation Project. He expects to be away from Washington for several months.

Millard H. Hess, Division of Hay, Feed, and Seed, will spend June 8 in Richmond, Va., checking the records of a verified-origin seed dealer.

David H. Walter, cooperative field agent with the Division of Farm management and Costs and Pennsylvania State College, has been called to Washington to assist in the calculation and tabulation of farm management statistics taken in Chester County in connection with a farm management study of the dairy section of that country. Mr. Walter will be in Washington until July 1.

Walter J. Muller was reinstated as telegrapher in Washington, effective May 15, to fill the position formerly held by Louis R. Meredith, deceased.

John J. Brown, of the Raleigh, N. C., office, is spending the first two weeks of June at Memphis, Tenn., supervising the reginning and the preparation of bales of cotton from sample cotton and the selection of samples of cotton from each bale to be used in weathering tests.

Konstantin J. Kostich of Yugoslavia called in the Bureau early in the week with a letter of introduction from Agricultural Attaché Michael of Belgrad, to make arrangements for exchanges of motion picture films showing agricultural activities in the United States and in Yugoslavia, and to obtain Department reports on various phases of agricultural production and marketing.

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## MOVING OF BUREAU OFFICES PROGRESSES RAPIDLY.

Moving of the Bureau offices located in the Bieber Building got under way last Saturday, June 4, and has been progressing rapidly since, so that at this time, June 8, the following offices are occupying their new quarters in the Extensible Building: Telegraph Section, Division of Fruits and Vegetables, Division of Livestock, Meats, and Wool, Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, Division of Farm Population and Rural Life, the Section of Mails and Files, the Stenographic and Visé Section, the Division of Agricultural Finance, and the Agricultural Economics Extension Unit. It is expected that the Administrative Office will vacate the Bieber Building for its new offices on Monday, June 13. Following the moving of the offices in the Bieber Building, all those offices of the Bureau located within the square bounded by Fourteenth Street, Linworth Place and B and C Streets, S. W., will move. As previously reported, the Regulatory Branch of the Division of Fruits and Vegetables, which formerly occupied offices in the Earl Building, moved to the Extensible Building early in March. Those units of the Bureau at 300 Linworth Place, S. W., in Building C and F, and the Tobacco Section at 215 Eighth Street, S. W., will continue to occupy their present quarters until additional wings of the Extensible Building are erected.

The principal offices of the various Bureau units in the Extensible Building will be:

Administrative Office-	:	Telegraph Section-	
Entrance room,	#3057 :	Mr. Ten Eyck,	#2504
Personnel Office,	#3052 :	Fruits and Vegetables-	
Estimates and Reports,	#3043 :	Mr. Sherman,	#2051
Mails and Files,	#3507 :	Mrs. Mills,	#2052
Stenographic and Visé Section,	#3506 :	Crop and Livestock Estimates-	
Graphics Section,	#3534 :	Mr. Callander,	#2409
Economic Information-	:	Mr. Richardson,	#2402
Mr. Marquis,	#3931 :	Livestock, Meats, and Wool-	
Miss Thomas,	#3929 :	Mr. Whalin,	#2548
Photographic Laboratory,	#3531 :	Mr. Conklin,	#2546
B. A. E. Mimeograph Unit,	:	Dairy and Poultry Products-	
Southwest corner of Basement	:	Mr. Potts,	#2917
Agricultural Finance-	:	Miss Bayliss,	#2915
Mr. Englund ,	#3057 :	Grain-	
Miss Laughlin,	#3522 :	Mr. Besley,	#2695
Statistical and Historical Research	:	Mr. Morrison,	#2693
Dr. Stine,	#3033 :	Milling, Baking, and Chemical	
Miss Ford,	#3039 :	Laboratory-	
Library-	:	Dr. Coleman,	#2551
Miss Lacy,	#3402 :	Hay Research Laboratory-	
E. C. Parker,	#3048 :	Mr. Hall,	#2523



Agricultural Economics Exten. Unit- : Foreign Agricultural Service-			
Mr. Dixon,	#3442 :	L. A. Wheeler,	#3905
Miss Faulconer,	#3440 :	Mr. Rohrmann,	#3903
Foreign Population and Rural Life- : James G. Cross,			
Dr. Galpin,	#3893 :	J. F. Barghausen, South side	#2511
Miss Niles,	#3895 :	of Basement	
		: Conference Room,	#2050

1932 YEARBOOK, WITH NEW  
FEATURES, NOW OFF PRESS.

A new feature of the Yearbook for 1932, just off the press, is the introduction of symposia covering the seven following subjects: (1) Farm Mechanization; (2) Our Land Use Problem; (3) Farm Data in 1930 Census; (4) How To Use Farm Credit; (5) New Uses for Farm Products; (6) Fertilizer Developments; (7) Living Standards on the Farm. These symposia are composed of a series of articles, grouped together, which develop different phases of a subject. Members of the staff who contribute to the first four of these collections, three of which are developed entirely by Bureau men, and the fourth, Farm Mechanization, by Bureau men in cooperation with members of the Bureau of Agricultural Engineering, are: C. L. Holmes; M. R. Cooper; Oris V. Wells; L. A. Reynoldson; Walter J. Roth; Emil Rauchenstein; T. D. Johnson; B. H. Thibodeaux; F. L. Gerdes; L. C. Gray; O. E. Baker; W. A. Hartman; C. P. Barnes; F. J. Marschner; B. R. Stauber; Joseph A. Becker; Howard A. Turner; O. M. Johnson; C. J. Galpin; Josiah C. Folsom; Norman J. Wall; David L. Wickens; Burton D. Seeley; Fred L. Garlock.

In addition to the foregoing material, the Bureau has sixteen miscellaneous articles in the section of the book entitled, "What's New in Agriculture." The authors of these articles and their subjects are: (1) Cheese Production Is Still Largely Confined to a Few Areas in U. S., W. J. Venske; (2) China's Demand Large for Some U. S. Products, Despite Low Incomes, Paul O. Nyhus; (3) Cotton Data Record Variation in Staple Length, 1928-1931, W. B. Lanham; (4) Cotton Exports to Russia Decline as Acreage and Output There Increases, L. Volin; (5) Cotton Progressively Lowered in Grade by Exposure, Tests Show, Miss Dorothy Nickerson; (6) Drought Losses of 1930 and 1931 Indicated by Crop and Income Data, Joseph A. Becker; (7) Farmers' Account Books, Diaries, Etc., Are Often Valuable Research Aids, Everett E. Edwards; (8) Farm Prices and Incomes Reflect Business and Financial Conditions, L. H. Bean; (9) Foreign Countries Adopt Variety of Subsidy Plans for Agricultural Relief, Lynn Ramsay Edminster; (10) Fruit and Vegetable Depots Facilitate Distribution in Big City Markets, Wendell Calhoun; (11) Lamb Grading at Points of Origin Compensates Producer for Quality, M. T. Foster; (12) Meat Prices at Retail Follow the Trend of the Livestock Market, A. T. Edinger; (13) Official Grading Service for Canned Fruits and Vegetables Inaugurated, Paul M. Williams; (14) Perishable Commodities Act Promotes Prompt Settlement of Disputes, H. A. Spilman; (15) Tobacco Grading and Market News Promote Fairer Auction System, Frank B. Wilkinson; (16) Wheat's Deterioration in Farm Storage Bin Tested Experimentally, John H. Cox.

As in previous years, the agricultural statistics were prepared in this Bureau under the direction of a statistical committee which was this year composed of Joseph A. Becker, chairman; Lewis B. Flohr, secretary; S. W. Mendum; L. M. Davis; E. J. Working and B. C. Boree.

WORK UNDER P. A. C. ACT  
SHOWS STEADY PROGRESS.

The number of licenses under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act in effect on May 28, 1932, was 15,229 as compared with 15,139 on July 1, 1931, making an increase of 90 during the eleven months period. Up to May 28, 1932, however, a total of 18,689 licenses had been issued as compared with 15,180 issued up to July 1, 1931, an increase of 3,509 licenses issued. Of the 18,689 licenses issued, 3,460 have been terminated for various reasons, principally for nonpayment of renewal fees. Many of these terminations undoubtedly will need to be replaced by new licenses for those who are still in business. Such persons are subject to prosecution. The receipts for license fees and renewals from the beginning of this work in the fall of 1930 to July 1, 1931, were \$151,390.00. The amount received during the eleven months since July 1, 1931, was \$140,120.00. The significance of the fact that the amount received since July 1, 1931, is less than the amount received during the preceding fiscal year is that only 10,604 licenses have been renewed to date. Against approximately 4,500 licenses which were not renewed within the prescribed time limit 3,509 fees for new licenses were received since July 1. Renewal fees are the same as original license fees, namely, \$10.00 per year. Licenses have been required only since December 10, 1930.

Complaints in 2,190 cases have been filed under the Act since July 1, 1931, making the total number of complaints filed to date, 3,717. Of this total number, 2,750 have been closed for various reasons, such as, not falling within the provisions of the Act; being withdrawn or dropped by complainant; no enforceable contract; no violation or insufficient evidence of violation; amicable settlement reached between the parties concerned, or orders issued by the Secretary. Personal investigations have been made in 272 cases as compared with 44 investigations made prior to July 1. Formal hearings have been held in 157 cases, only 13 of which had been held prior to July 1. Orders have been issued by the Secretary in 67 cases, 7 of which were issued during the last week in May. In one-half of the Secretary's orders damages have been awarded, while the remaining half have been dismissed or only disciplinary action ordered. The causes of complaint are about evenly divided between rejection without reasonable cause and failure truly and correctly to account in connection with consignments and purchases. About one-sixth of the complaints are for various other causes, principally failure to deliver without reasonable cause.

VACANCIES IN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT  
TO BE FILLED BY TRANSFER.

The Civil Service Commission announces the following vacancies in the classified service which are to be filled, if possible, by transfer of employees now in the service. Detailed information concerning the duties of and necessary qualifications for these positions may be obtained from official lists posted on the bulletin boards, on the first and seventh floors of the Bieber Building, 1358 B Street, S. W., and from copies of these lists which are being sent to units located in Buildings C and F.

Application for transfer to these positions may be made not later



than 3:30 p.m., Friday, June 10, by any employee meeting the requirements, through the Personnel Office of the Bureau, 3052 Extensible Building. That office will furnish form 375 for making applications, separate copies of which must be filed for each position.

Adjudicator,	male, \$2600, Los Angeles, Calif.,	Permanent
Associate Engineer,		
(Reinforced concrete)	male, \$3200, Palo Alto, Calif.,	Temporary
Assistant Topographic Engineer,	male, \$2600, Missoula, Mont.,	Temporary
Mechanic (Carpenter),	male, \$1680, Washington, D. C.,	Temporary

Vacancies occurring at other places than those mentioned on this list may be filled from among those applying for positions on this list.

#### BUREAU NOON-HOUR RADIO BROADCASTING PROGRAM.

The national radio program of the Department is broadcast daily except Sundays, from 12:45 to 1:10 p.m., eastern standard time. The following members of the Bureau are on the program for the week beginning June 13:

June 15, 12:35 p.m., A. G. Peterson, The Price Situation

June 16, 12:47 p.m., J. B. Shepard, The Trend of Milk Production

The western radio program of the Department is broadcast daily except Saturdays and Sundays, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., Pacific standard time. Field members of the Bureau are on the program for the week beginning June 13, as follows:

June 13, 12:34 p.m., Frank L. Lyons, The Grain Market Situation

June 14, 12:34 p.m., Frank H. McCampbell, The Egg and Poultry  
Market Situation

June 15, 12:34 p.m., W. E. Schneider, Meat for the Fleet

June 16, 12:34 p.m., Carl J. Hansen, On Fruit and Vegetable Markets.

#### IN CONGRESS:

H. R. 10236, The Revenue Bill, has been signed by the President.

H. R. 11267, the legislative appropriation bill, including the "economy bill" is under consideration in the Senate.

S. 4780, by Senator Black, to provide that advances under the Reconstruction Finance Corporation act may be made for crop planting or crop cultivation during the year 1932, has been passed by the Senate.

#### New Bills:

H. R. 12410, by Mr. Hawley, to amend the Reconstruction Finance Corporation act to authorize loans for the purpose of providing additional employment through the construction of economically sound projects, etc.

H. R. 12409, by Mr. Hawley, to provide for advances to States for the relief of distress arising from unemployment, etc.

S. J. Res. 169, by Senator McNary, to provide information and direction to individuals and agencies concerned with relieving unemployment through finding opportunities for subsistence in rural areas.

IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending June 3 are:

- Australia. Sugar inquiry committee. Reports of the Sugar inquiry committee, 1931... Canberra, H. J. Green, government printer [1931] 186 p. 281.365 Au7
- Best, Sidney Edward James. East Yorkshire, a study in agricultural geography. London, New York [etc.] Longmans, Green and co., 1930. 188 p. 278.171 B46
- Bowen, Ezra. An hypothesis of population growth... New York, 1931. 239 p. 280 B672. Thesis (Ph.D.) - Columbia university.
- Business research council. Economic and business research in American colleges and universities. New York, N.Y., Business research council, 1932. 84 p. 280 B96
- Chydenius, Anders. The national gain... translated from the Swedish original published in 1765, with an introduction by George Schauman... London, E. Benn limited [1931] 92 p. 280 C47.
- Faure, Blattman & co. Review of the oil and fat markets, 1931. [London, 1932] 106 p. 307 F27 1931.
- Iowa. The book of Iowa, from Iowa's industrial survey. [Des Moines] Published by the State of Iowa [Wallace-homestead company, printers] 1932. 268 p. 280.027 Io9.
- League of nations. Economic committee. The agricultural crisis, volume II. [Geneva, 1931] 113 p. (Series of League of nations Publications. II. Economic and financial. 1931. II. B. 12 II) 280.9 L47P 1931. II. B. 12 II.
- Netherlands (Kingdom, 1815- ) Department van buitenlandse zaken. Handbook of the Netherlands and overseas territories. Published by the Economic section of the Ministry of foreign affairs at the Hague. The Hague, Government printing office, 1931. 405 p. 280.172 N38
- Pacific northwest potato committee. Annual report, 1930/31. Boise, Id. [1931?] 281.3759 P11.
- Philippine Islands. Dept. of agriculture and natural resources. Office of the secretary. Agricultural development in southeastern Asia and Malaya, by Hon. Rafael R. Alunan, secretary of agriculture and natural resources. A report on his observations while cruising with the governor-general of the Philippine Islands, on the U.S.S. Pittsburgh, from February 28 to April 14, 1931. Manila, Bureau of printing, 1931. 105 p. 281.186 P53



BUREAU BREVITIES.

FARMERS' RESPONSE TO PRICE in the Production of Market Milk is a preliminary report in mimeographed form, by Mordecai Ezekiel, formerly senior agricultural economist, Emil Rauchenstein, senior agricultural economist, and Oris V. Wells, assistant agricultural economist, Division of Farm Management and Costs. It has been prepared in order to place on record certain material on this subject which is on file in the division. Much of the original data upon which this material is based was supplied by the Vermont State Department of Agriculture, the Twin Cities Milk Producers' Association, and the Maryland State Dairymen's Association.

PREPARING WOOL FOR MARKET, a multigraphed release containing suggestions by Warner M. Buck, specialist in marketing wool, Division of Livestock, Meats, and Wool, is now being distributed as a 2-page multigraphed publication.

PRESEASON ADVANCES OF CREDIT by New York Dealers to Growers and Shippers of Fruits and Vegetables, by Earl R. French, formerly research agent in marketing, and Julius H. Spalding, collaborator, a study of the practice among New York dealers of making preseason advances of funds to growers of fresh fruits and vegetables, was made for the purpose of learning more about the nature, extent, and consequences of the method employed and to present the results obtained as a segment of the broad subject of production credit in fruits and vegetables.

U. S. STANDARDS FOR PEARS (1932) are defined in a recent mimeographed release by the Division of Dairy and Poultry Products.

HEARTY APPROVAL OF THE PERMISSIVE OFFICIAL COTTONSEED STANDARDS, established by Secretary Hyde on May 23, is expressed by Richard T. Dough-tie, president of the National Cottonseed Products Association of Helena, Arkansas, in a recent letter to Guy S. Meloy of the Division of Cotton Marketing, who has spent so much time and effort in working out these standards. Mr. Dough-tie writes in part: "To me, and a great number of the cottonseed industry, this is the culmination of a long-cherished hope. I anticipate that it will be the means of creating a better understanding and a much better feeling between buyers and sellers of cottonseed. It is the result of an endless amount of work and thought; is based on established facts; and has been worked out in a spirit of absolute fairness to all interests.

"To you, Mr. Meloy, as a designated representative of the Department of Agriculture, I want to express my own appreciation, which I feel certain is general, for the invaluable service you have rendered. The Government Agency you represent has certainly shown an enviable spirit of fairness, and provided a brand of ability and conscientiousness which, I believe, could not have been found thru any other source."

RECENT MARKETING SUMMARIES for 1931, issued by the Division of Fruits and Vegetables, include: Marketing Eastern Shore Cantaloupes (Delaware and Maryland), in cooperation with Maryland State Department of Markets and Virginia State Division of Markets, by V. H. Nicholson; Marketing Michigan Peaches and Pears, in cooperation with Michigan Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Foods and Standards, by R. E. Keller.

MANUSCRIPTS SUBMITTED BY THE BUREAU DURING MAY.

The following manuscripts were submitted to the Division of Publications during May:

Regulations for warehousemen storing canned foods. S. R. A. 133.  
Slocum, R. R. : Marketing Eggs. Revision of F. B. 1378.  
Spillman, W. J. : A new basis for fertilizer experiments. For Technical Bulletin.

The following articles have been approved for publication in the periodicals named:

Allin, B. W. and Jackson, D. : Farm taxation revision by recent State legislature. For Journal of Farm Economics.  
Baker, O. E. : Factors affecting the future of agriculture in the U. S. For Deutsche Agrarpolitik ... Wirtschaftspolitik.  
Barr, J. E. : Changes in the distribution and consumption of beans. For The Bean Bag.  
Clay, H. J. : Economies possible through honey container simplification. For Gleanings in Bee Culture.  
Davis, W. C. : U. S. grading hits New York. For Butchers and Packers Gazette.  
Edinger, A. T. : Retail meat price reporting service expanded and research studies conducted. For Annual Report, National Livestock and Meat Board.  
Edwards, E. E. : Book review: The introduction of farm machinery and its relation to the productivity of labor in the agriculture of the U. S. during the 19th century, by Leo Rogin. For Journal of Farm Economics.  
Harlan, C. L. : Interpretations of the 1930 Census of Livestock on farms. For Journal of Farm Economics.  
Mendum, S. W. : Book review: Recueil de statistiques ... pour 1927-28, by International Institute of Agriculture. For Journal of Farm Economics.  
Sherman, C. B. : Farm life well told in farm fiction. For Agricultural Digest.  
Wall, N. J. : Book review: The Provision of credit with special reference to agriculture, by H. Belshaw. For Journal of Farm Economics.

HERE AND THERE.

W. A. Sherman, in charge of the Division of Fruits and Vegetables, will spend June 15 in Harrisburg, Pa., to confer with Federal and State officials concerning the program of work in cooperation with the State of Pennsylvania for the coming fiscal year.

O. M. Johnson, Division of Land Economics, has been invited to serve as a member of the Technical Advisory Committee of the Greater Pennsylvania Council. This Council is a State advisory and planning body created by the State legislature and was established for the purpose of making studies in collaboration with existing agencies with a view to promoting the economic, social, industrial, and recreational welfare of the commonwealth.

We are happy to report that John F. Barghausen, technologist of the Bureau, is recovering rapidly from a recent operation at Walter Reed Hospital and expects to be able to go home within a few days.



Those members of the Tanners' Council concerned with the purchase of hides and skins, agreed to the grades for butcher and country hides presented by C. V. Whalin, in charge, and M. C. Romberger, of the Division of Livestock, Meats, and Wool, at the recent convention of the Tanners' Council in Atlantic City. As a result of their favorable attitude, the Bureau will soon issue these grades as tentative U. S. standards.

The death of Dr. Nathan A. Cobb, for many years in charge of the Office of Agricultural Technology and more recently of the Division of Nematology in the Bureau of Plant Industry, which occurred Saturday, June 4, is of more than passing interest to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Many of our workers in this Bureau and many others who have now gone to other fields were closely associated with Doctor Cobb in the earlier days of the Department of Agriculture. At that time official cotton standards were under discussion in the Department and Doctor Cobb was an active contributor to the studies. Among the men associated with him at that time who later aided in the development of the work of this Bureau were: W. P. Barbot, J. F. Barghausen, Chas. J. Brand, Chas. E. Gage, Robert L. Kause, and Wells A. Sherman. Mr. Gage, who gives us his recollections of these associations, says: "Perhaps there are others in the Bureau whom I do not now recall who were in other ways associated with Doctor Cobb and were impressed as I was with his fine personality, the depth of his mind, and his genius for painstaking attention to detail which made him a great scientist."

Dr. T. B. Manny, of the Division of Farm Population and Rural Life, is spending this month on a trip to North Carolina, Mississippi, Kentucky, Missouri, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Ohio, New York and Massachusetts, for the purpose of interviewing State superintendents of public instruction, field representatives of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, agricultural economists at State Colleges of Agriculture, and local persons in representative areas of at least five of these States, to secure additional data on changes in number of persons living on farms and information concerning the present back-to-the farm movement. This field work is being done in connection with a project involving the revision of present methods of estimating movements of population to and from farms and changes in the number of persons living on farms.

E. H. Wiecking has been reinstated in the Division of Land Economics, where he will serve as assistant division leader, assisting with the administrative work of the division as well as carrying on studies in land valuation. Mr. Wiecking was with the division from 1924 to 1930 when he resigned to pursue graduate work toward a Ph. D. degree at Harvard University.

S. Garrett Swain, Warehouse Division, is inspecting warehouses this week for licensing under the U. S. Warehouse Act, for the storage of canned foods.

Fredk. W. Morrison, of the Memphis, Tenn., office, and Lewis Myers, of the New Orleans, La., office, Division of Cotton Marketing, have been detailed to Atlanta, Ga., for the month of June, to assist Joe H. McClure, in charge of the grade and staple estimates office, in completing a study of the movement and points of concentration of Georgia cotton.

The regular monthly meeting of the Agricultural branch of the Federal Employees Union will be held at 710 Fourteenth Street, N. W., on Wednesday, June 22, at 8:00 p.m. All Government employees are invited to attend.

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## CONFERENCE TO CONSIDER SEASON'S PLANS FOR SEED VERIFICATION SERVICE.

Members of the seed trade and officials of the Division of Hay, Feed, and Seed will meet at Chicago, June 22, to consider plans for the operation of the Bureau's seed verification service during the coming season. W. A. Wheeler, in charge, and G. C. Edler, of the Washington office, and representatives of the Chicago office will be the only division officials who will attend the meeting.

No program has been set other than for a discussion of fees and other forms of revenue in an effort to place the seed verification service as nearly as possible on a self-sustaining basis.

The Bureau inaugurated the seed verification service in 1927, since which time 62 members of the seed trade situated in 21 States have enrolled. The function of the service is to provide, for buyers of alfalfa or red clover seed, verification of origin (place where grown), as evidenced by verified-origin seed certificates issued under authority of this Department.

## TOBACCO GRADING PLANS BEING MADE FOR 1932-33.

Plans for Federal-State tobacco grading service at auction markets during the coming marketing season are being formulated by the Tobacco Section.

The tobacco grading service at eastern markets heretofore has been furnished only when the grower paid a fee of five to ten cents a hundred pounds to have his tobacco officially graded and certified before sale. Change from this procedure was put into operation as an experiment in certain markets in Kentucky and Tennessee last December and the results have been so satisfactory that the new method has been adopted in place of the old. Under this new procedure, tobacco grading service is furnished if the warehouseman agrees to have all tobacco graded at a flat rate for each hundred pounds.

Officials of the Tobacco Section believe that in most markets tobacco grading service can be supplied at materially less cost when all the tobacco is graded. The advantages found in this procedure are that the graders are kept fully occupied, thus reducing the cost for each hundred pounds for grading service, and buyers more quickly become familiar with the standard grades. It has been found that the grading service is much more effective in serving the interests of farmers and the tobacco trade under these conditions.



NATIONAL LAND-USE PLANNINGCOMMITTEE TO MEET NEXT WEEK.

The National Land-Use Planning Committee will meet in Washington, in the Conference Room of the Administration Building of the Department, on June 20. Following is the program of business to be brought up at the meeting:

- I. Report with reference to meeting with National Advisory and Legislative Committee
  - (a) Relationships of the Committees
  - (b) Recommendations for special tax commission on Federal-State relationships
  - (c) Land settlement of the unemployed
- II. Report on progress of legislation regarding
  - (a) Federal-State relationship in taxation
  - (b) Land settlement of the unemployed
- III. Report of subcommittee on foreclosed farm lands
- IV. Report of the Secretary relative to correspondence with persons in the Lake States concerning proposed regional land utilization conference
- V. Report of subcommittee on elements of a State land policy and the feasibility of suggesting the establishment of State land utilization committees
- VI. Report of technical committee No. 1, Adjustments in Submarginal Areas  
Report of technical committee No. V, Forests, Parks, Recreation and Wild-Life Preservation Areas
- VII. Progress reports of the other technical committees and conferences with their chairmen
- VIII. Miscellaneous business

The National Land-Use Planning Committee is composed of representatives of various Federal Bureaus and services and of the Association of Land Grant Colleges and Universities. Mr. Olsen is vice-chairman of the committee and chairman of the Washington group of the committee; Dr. L. C. Gray, in charge of the Division of Land Economics, is executive secretary of the committee.

DIRECT RESPONSE TO ROUTINE INQUIRIESDESIRED BY MEXICAN GOVERNMENT.

The following memorandum has been addressed to Chiefs of Bureaus and Offices by Dr. W. W. Stockberger, Director of Personnel and Business Administration:

"The Government of Mexico, through and with the concurrence of the State Department, has requested that the various departments of the Government of the United States be authorized to respond directly, i.e., without the ordinary use of the State Department as a channel of communication in correspondence with diplomatic and consular officers of foreign governments, to requests for certain classes of information of a routine nature when presented by the Consul General of Mexico at New York City. The classes of information included within the understanding, in so far as the Department of Agriculture is concerned, are those relating to Agriculture, Meteorology, Zootechnics.

"All bureaus and offices of the Department are therefore requested to take note of the arrangement and to observe it as occasion arises."

DAIRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS DIVISION  
EXTENDS INSPECTION TO FROZEN PRODUCT.

There has been received and approved by the Division of Dairy and Poultry Products an application for the inspection of dressed poultry, for condition and wholesomeness, from the firm of Batchelder, Snyder, Dorr & Doe, of Boston, Mass. This company intends to dress various classes of poultry which will be subjected to the Birdseye quick freezing process; the product will then be merchandised in frozen form. It is expected that this service will begin about July 1.

It is the company's intention to freeze broiling and frying chickens. These will be split in halves, with the two halves wrapped together, several being packed in one carton. It is also their intention to market whole full-drawn roasting chickens, capons, and ducklings, and fowl for fricasee which will be cut in pieces and packed in a carton.

This is the first application that the Division of Dairy and Poultry Products has had for inspection service on poultry intended for sale to the consumer as a frozen product. The firm is a subsidiary of Frosted Foods Incorporated.

P. A. C. ACT IMPROVING RELATIONS BETWEEN  
FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BUYERS AND SELLERS.

The Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act is in general meeting with the approval of shippers and receivers, who state that they are all using much more care in the making of their contracts. This is the report brought back by F. G. Robb, in charge of the regulatory branch of the Division of Fruits and Vegetables, on his recent return from a trip to the Pacific Coast.

The use of approved trade terms, the definitions of which constitute amendment No. 2 to the regulations governing the enforcement of the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, is becoming more general and the meanings assigned to these terms are being generally recognized by the trade. This has resulted in fewer misunderstandings between buyers and sellers. There is also, according to Mr. Robb, an increasing tendency to submit complaints to the Department for settlement under the shortened procedure which was provided for by amendment No. 4 to the regulations. Under this procedure the parties to a complaint agree to waive their right of a hearing and submit their case on the basis of sworn statements and the Bureau's file covering the case.

MR. VALGREN TO DISCUSS FARM INSURANCE  
PROBLEMS AT ASSOCIATION MEETINGS.

V. N. Valgren, Division of Agricultural Finance, is on the program of the meeting of the Virginia Association of Mutual Insurance Companies at Roanoke, Va., during the week of June 12, to make an address on the subject of current problems in farm insurance, with special reference to the classification of risks. Mr. Valgren will discuss this same subject at the meeting of the Pennsylvania State Association of Mutual Fire Insurance Companies at Greensburg, Pa., on June 23.

Virginia has 32 farmers' mutual fire insurance companies, most, if



not all of which will be represented at the State Association meeting at Roanoke. Pennsylvania has about 150 companies classed as farmers' mutual fire insurance companies. A considerable number of other mutuals that do a mixed urban and farm business also belong to the State Association. In this State more than 90 per cent of the farm property insurable against fire is insured in farmers' mutuals. The development of this farm insurance movement in Virginia is less pronounced, only about 37 per cent of the farm property being insured in farmers' companies.

#### BUREAU NOON-HOUR RADIO

##### BROADCASTING PROGRAM.

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1:00 p.m., M. R. Cooper, Farm Crop Production Costs

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June 24, 12:34 p.m., Frank J. Hansen, On Fruit and Vegetable Markets.

#### IN CONGRESS:

H. R. 11267, the Legislative Appropriation Bill, including the "Economy Bill," is in conference.

H. R. 10824, by Mr. Disney, to aid farmers in obtaining loans from the Federal Farm Loan Board or other Governmental agencies, has been reported by the House Committee on Banking.

#### New Bills:

H. R. 12530, by Mr. Smith of Idaho, to amend the revenue act of 1932 by the addition thereto of a section imposing a special additional tax on the profits derived from short sales of potatoes, apples and other perishable commodities.

H. R. 12574, by Mr. Jones, to provide for the issuance of agricultural export debentures \* \* \*

S. 4875, by Senator Blaine, to establish uniform requirements affecting Government contracts \* \* \*

#### DID YOU KNOW THAT

By substituting bacteria for chemicals and by adding small quantities of such city waste as sewage to farm waste products, such as cornstalks, straws, and hulls, chemists of this Department hope to produce building board fiber and fuel and lighting gas by a process which will be commercially feasible? This hope is based on preliminary work the last year at the new farm waste laboratory which has been established at the Iowa State College at Ames, Iowa, the Bureau of Chemistry and Soils of the Department cooperating.

BUREAU BREVITIES.

DISTRIBUTION OF BEANS by Commercial Classes as Reported by Wholesale Grocers, is a compilation, now mimeographed, of statistical tables by J. E. Barr, marketing specialist, and J. A. Thompson, junior agronomist, of the Division of Hay, Feed, and Seed. For the purpose of obtaining figures which would indicate the relative importance of large distributing centers for each class of beans, a special inquiry was made among wholesale grocers. The returns from this survey also showed the ratio of each class to the total quantity handled by wholesale grocers located in each important city or consuming State. Reports were received from 3,000 grocers throughout the United States, representing 75 per cent of those who handle beans.

GREAT INTEREST IN, AND COMMENDATION of, the tentative U. S. standards for classes and grades for dressed domestic rabbits are being expressed in many letters received by the Division of Dairy and Poultry Products. It is believed that the formulation of these systematic grades will be of considerable assistance to growers in their production operations and will assist in the merchandising of rabbit meat. Several editors of publications covering domestic rabbits, have indicated their intentions of running in full the tentative U. S. standards and grades for domestic rabbits, in order to obtain wide distribution and comment.

"IF THERE IS ONE THING the Department of Agriculture ever did that has been or real benefit to the farmer, it is the verification of Alfalfa and Red Clover," writes L. L. McCulloch of the Minneapolis Seed Company, Minneapolis, Minn., in a letter to W. A. Wheeler, in charge of the Division of Hay, Feed, and Seed. The Minneapolis Seed Company is one of the most important companies of its kind in the North-Central States. Mr. McCulloch promises Mr. Wheeler to make a special effort to be present at the meeting in Chicago on June 22 to consider the Seed Verification Service plans for the next year.

JAMES K. WALLACE "WAS OF INESTIMABLE SERVICE" when he acted in the capacity of judge at the Pacific Regional Future Farmer Public Speaking Contest at the recent Pacific Regional Conference of the Federal Board for Vocational Education in Santa Fe, according to W. T. Spanton, Federal agent of agricultural education of that Board. Mr. Spanton adds the comment in his letter to C. V. Whalin, in charge of the Division of Livestock, Meats, and Wool: "He also made some valuable contributions in our formal conference discussions during the week. I feel Mr. Wallace is rendering a real service to the cause of agriculture while serving as one of the judges in these contests, since many of the speeches made by those boys deal with problems in the field of agricultural economics and a man with his background of experience and training is in a position to review the manuscripts and serve as judge of such a contest in such a way as to be of real service to the cause."

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this morning, June 15,

Mr. Olsen discussed the economic outlook before the Camp of 4-H Boys and Girls.



IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending June 10 are:

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- MacGibbon, Duncan Alexander. The Canadian grain trade. Toronto, The Macmillan company of Canada, limited, 1932. 503 p. 280.359 M17.
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HERE AND THERE.

The employment by the contractor of additional help so speeded the moving of Bureau offices to the Extensible Building that they are now practically all settled in their new quarters, well ahead of the scheduled time. Only the Bureau Library and the Milling, Baking, and Chemical Laboratory have yet to move.

C. V. Whalin, in charge of the Division of Livestock, Meats, and Wool, will attend the annual meeting of the National Livestock and Meat Board in Chicago, June 23. He will make a report for the year of the beef grading and stamping service which the division is conducting cooperatively with the Board, and will summarize the division's retail meat price study. He will also submit for possible publication by the Board, a prospectus of a bulletin, containing elaborately colored illustrations and showing and describing all the principal retail cuts of meats. This manuscript was prepared jointly by members of the Division of Livestock, Meats, and Wool and the Federal Board of Vocational Education and is designed largely for the use of vocational educational students.

Dr. O. E. Baker, Division of Land Economics, will deliver an address before the Camp of 4-H Boys and Girls, June 18, on the subject "The Outlook for Farming as a Life Work."

Dr. R. W. Webb, senior cotton technologist of the Division of Cotton Marketing, and Miss Dorothy Nickerson, color technologist of the Bureau, are on the program of the Section on Textiles of the meeting of the American Society for Testing Materials, which will be held in Atlantic City, New Jersey, June 20-24. Doctor Webb will discuss the subject "The Suter-Webb Cotton Fiber Duplex Sorter and Resulting Method of Length-Variability Measurements"; Miss Nickerson, "Colorimeter and Method Employed in the Color Testing of Cotton."

H. J. Besley, in charge of the Grain Division, who has been compelled to be absent from the office for the last two weeks on account of an infected foot, is expected to return on Wednesday of next week.

E. O. Wooton, of the Division of Land Economics, is just back from a trip to southern New Mexico where he was granted the honorary degree of D. Sc. by the New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts at the commencement exercises held on May 24. He reports the largest graduating class in the history of the institution this year, degrees being granted to 56 Bachelors and one Master. Striking are the changes that have been brought about on the campus since the corner-stone of the first building was laid in August, 1890. That building stood alone on a dry gravelly mesa surrounded by a low growth of gray and spiny desert shrubs. Today on that same mesa stand 17 buildings with green trees and shrubbery, and with level stretches of grass and brilliant flower beds on all sides. This is one the miracles of irrigation. Mr. Wooton was present at the laying of that first corner-stone and he says this trip was like a great homecoming to him, with all the joys of seeing old friends and well remembered places.

Theo. S. Thorfinnson, Agricultural Economics Extension Unit, left Washington June 11 for a trip to South Dakota in the interest of State work. He will follow this with a trip into Wyoming, Colorado, Utah and Idaho, where he will assist State workers in formulating projects and plans in farm management and outlook work.

Miss Margaret Lawrence, Division of Statistical and Historical Research, is being graduated today, June 15, from George Washington University, with the degree of A. B.



M. T. Foster, Division of Livestock, Meats, and Wool, left Washington June 4 for Chicago, Ill., and Lansing and Detroit, Mich., for the purpose of grading cattle and carcasses in connection with the national project "Cooperative Meat Investigations." This project is being carried on through a cooperative arrangement between the Bureau of Animal Industry, this Bureau, and several State Experiment Stations. Mr. Foster will be in the field for about two weeks.

S. A. McCracken, of the Kansas City office of the Division of Hay, Feed, and Seed, spent ten days in Washington recently conferring with officials of the division on specific phases of his work.

R. H. Black, grain supervisor at Minneapolis, Minn., reports that he is receiving information to the effect that the recent heavy rainfalls in Montana and nearly all parts of North Dakota, have made the crop outlook better than it has been since 1915. They have also helped to retard the progress of the grasshoppers, especially so far as the hatching of the eggs is concerned.

M. H. Hess, Division of Hay, Feed, and Seed, is leaving Washington Tuesday, June 14, for Buffalo and Syracuse, N. Y., where we will check the records of verified-origin seed dealers. Next week Mr. Hess will go to New York City, Jersey City, N. J., Landisville, Pa., and Baltimore, Md., on similar work.

Mrs. Minnie M. Aylor, head clerk of the regulatory branch of the Division of Fruits and Vegetables, who developed a serious condition following an operation for sinus at George Washington Hospital, June 7, is reported to be materially improved.

Miss Orpha Cummings, Librarian of the Giannini Foundation of Agricultural Economics, Berkeley, Calif., spent about ten days in Washington recently visiting the library of the Bureau and other libraries of the Department.

Don Mattson, formerly in charge of the New York office of the Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, was a visitor in the division last Saturday. Since resigning his position with the Bureau, he has been in charge of the butter department of the firm of Carl Ahlers, Incorporated.

Seisaku Takada, of the South Manchurian Railway, recently has been visiting several of the divisions for the purpose of obtaining information as to how the Bureau helps the farmers in this country. Mr. Takada is particularly interested in questions pertaining to agricultural finance.

Recent absences from and two vacancies in the force, have temporarily handicapped the service of the Messenger Pool. Wm. H. Conn, absent on account of the death of a sister, and Jas. A. Lancaster, on account of the death of his daughter, have returned to work, and Emmett Henderson, who has been incapacitated because of an injured foot, is expected back in a few days, so the usual prompt response to calls for messenger help may soon be expected.

Electrical equipment, including an automatic stamp for indicating the time of arrival of mail, a sealing machine, and an envelope opener just being installed, are adding to the efficiency of the Mail Room. Incidentally, this room, No. 3507, is conveniently located just opposite the Stenographic and Visé Section, No. 3534. Telephone calls to the Mail Room should be made on the new branch number 1030, instead of on the former number, two rings on 209.

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## AGRICULTURAL APPROPRIATION BILL, 1933, ADOPTED BY BOTH HOUSES.

The conference report upon the Agricultural Appropriation Bill has been adopted by both Houses. The following table shows a comparison between the pending bill and the appropriation for the current year. It should be noted, however, that reserves of more than \$400,000 were set aside from the current year's appropriation as a part of the general economy program.

Item	Appropriations, 1932	Pending bill 1933	Increase or Decrease
Administration	\$ 290,030	\$ 288,090	\$- 1,940
Farm Management and Practice	480,760	395,467	- 85,293
Marketing and Dist. Farm Prods.	900,000	812,320	- 87,680
Crop and Livestock Estimates	804,120	785,020	- 19,100
Foreign Competition and Demand	383,380	356,790	- 26,590
Market Inspection of Farm Prods.	580,026	537,796	- 42,230
Market News Service	1,498,020	1,380,808	-117,212
Cotton Statistics	420,000	372,500	- 47,500
Tobacco Stocks and Standards	25,000	24,400	- 600
Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act	350,000*	175,100	-174,900
Enf. Cotton Futures and Cotton Standards Act	236,560**	289,060	+ 52,500
Enf. Grain Standards Act	860,040	833,370	- 26,670
Adm. Warehouse Act	312,200	313,020	+ 820
Enf. Std. Container, Hamper, and Produce Agency Acts	45,000	43,800	- 1,200
Salaries and Expenses.			
Wool Division	6,000	3,000	- 3,000
Wool Marketing Studies	50,000	39,300	- 10,700
Total B. A. E.	7,241,136	6,649,841	-591,295

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\* \$35,800 of the 1932 appropriation for P. A. C. Act was allotted to 1931 under a provision making \$100,000 immediately available.

\*\* An additional amount of \$75,000 for supervision of cotton classing was carried in a Deficiency Bill, available for 1931 and 1932, consequently an actual decrease in 1933 of \$22,500.



LAND UTILIZATION CONFERENCE  
PROCEEDINGS ARE PUBLISHED.

Proceedings of the National Conference on Land Utilization have just come off the press as a 251-page unnumbered publication. The format is attractive. The edition is a limited one and all miscellaneous requests must clear through the Division of Economic Information, as a record is to be kept of the disposition of each copy. Division leaders may receive one on request, but others should borrow from the library.

These published proceedings served an especially useful purpose in connection with the meeting of the National Land-Use Planning Committee in Washington, June 20.

The National Conference on Land Utilization was called by Secretary Hyde and the Executive Committee of the Association of Land-Grant Colleges and Universities in Chicago, Ill., November 19-21, 1931. This Bureau participated actively in the program, addresses having been given by Mr. Olsen, Mr. Englund, Dr. L. C. Gray, Dr. C. L. Holmes, and Norman J. Wall.

The text of the Republican platform, pledged at the recent convention in Chicago, carries the following reference to a national land utilization policy:

"We favor a national policy of land utilization which looks to national needs, such as the administration has already begun to formulate. Such a policy must foster reorganization of taxing units in areas beset by tax delinquency and divert lands that are submarginal for crop production to other uses. The national welfare plainly can be served by the acquisition of submarginal lands for watershed protection, grazing, forestry, public parks and game reserves. We favor such acquisition."

NEW JERSEY EGG AUCTIONS EXERTING  
CONSTRUCTIVE INFLUENCE IN MARKETING.

In general, the grading of eggs at the Vineland and Flemington, New Jersey auctions conform quite satisfactorily to the corresponding U. S. grades, Rob R. Slocum of the Division of Dairy and Poultry Products found on a visit to those points last week. Because of the smaller tolerance permitted in the New Jersey grades, however, quite a number of the cases examined by Mr. Slocum were slightly below the New Jersey grade intended. Mr. Slocum made this trip at the request of the New Jersey Department of Agriculture in order to check the grading done at Vineland and Flemington according to the U. S. standards and grades for eggs, on which the New Jersey eggs are based.

The eggs sold at these auctions are graded by the individual producer for size and color, and when the eggs arrive at the auction room they are inspected by a State inspector and their grade determined on the basis of samples drawn from the cases. If the eggs are found to conform to the New Jersey "Fancy" or to the New Jersey "Grade A," they are labeled as inspected eggs of that grade and sold as such on the auctions, which are held twice a week. This plan of selling in these particular localities seems to be working out very satisfactorily, Mr. Slocum reports, and premiums over the New York quotations are quite regularly obtained. A considerable volume of eggs is being sold in this way, at the present time running to 600 or 700 cases a week at Vineland and to about 1200 cases at Flemington.

Undoubtedly, the operation of these egg auctions is proving to be a constructive influence in the marketing of New Jersey eggs in the localities affected.

BUREAU LIBRARY BIBLIOGRAPHIES TRAVEL  
FAR AND SERVE VARIETY OF INTERESTS.

The Library of the Bureau has compiled many bibliographies on economic phases of agriculture. These lists of references cover such subjects as taxation, prices, valuation of real estate, large-scale farming, wheat costs, farm relief, and the economic aspects of special commodities, such as the lists relating to the strawberry, apple, and peach industries. There are lists of special periodicals and of agricultural organizations. Many bibliographies are typewritten, compiled to fill a special request; thirty-seven have been mimeographed in order to supply increasing numbers of requests; and within the last year or more three have been printed, and another sent to the press.

Among those who use these bibliographies are agricultural colleges, experiment stations, and research institutions; banks, investment concerns, and old-line insurance companies; chemical engineers; a statistical bureau representing groups of railways; research laboratories of manufacturers of soap, breakfast food, meats, and motor cars; and always the student setting his college cap for a thesis or a job.

In scanning 200 or more requests for these bibliographies during the last year, one is impressed by the varied agricultural interests of the individual user. The manufacturer of motor cars wants to know about the soybean industry, and about the advantages and disadvantages of country life; the well-known packer wants lists of foreign publications and lists of society and association publications of importance in the field of agricultural economics; the insurance company is curious about olives and olive oil; one breakfast food concern inquires about the influence of weather on crops, and another about the hop industry.

Among requests from leading public libraries all over the country is one from Cincinnati, which comments that all of the bibliographies are used by both college students and business men.

These services of the Library go a long way from Washington; requests for them and replies of appreciation have come from Ministries of Agriculture, universities, agricultural societies, and economists in more than thirty foreign countries.

CROP ESTIMATES REORGANIZES  
SOME OF ITS ACTIVITIES.

The Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates has effected a considerable reorganization of its activities in Washington. This has been made possible by reason of the better arrangement of the offices in the new building than in the old quarters at 200 Fourteenth Street, S. W. The principal changes in the division are as follows:

The tabulating and computing section and the crop record section, which have been separate units, have been combined into one unit, to be known as the statistical section or pool, and placed under the general supervision of the secretary of the Crop Reporting Board. John M. Hicks has been designated as secretary of the Crop Reporting Board and C. G. Carpenter, former secretary, has been assigned to other work. The list maintenance section and the mailing section have been combined into one unit, and has been placed under the general supervision of the secretary of the Crop Reporting Board.

Some reorganization of the commodity projects has been made. The



flax project has been transferred to V. C. Childs, who will handle it along with cotton. The grain project, hay project, tobacco project, the miscellaneous crops project, together with the historical revision work (a cooperative project with the Division of Statistical and Historical Research), have been combined into one unit under the general supervision of Joseph A. Becker, assisted by Chas. E. Gage, Joseph L. Orr, and C. G. Carpenter. The set-up of the other commodity projects remains unchanged.

For the first time the Crop Reporting Board will have adequate quarters for properly handling the work of the Board. Arrangements have been completed so that the entire corridor may be locked up on crop reporting days, and hereafter the entire division will be locked up during the period when the Crop Reporting Board is in session. An ingenious device has been developed by John F. Barghausen, technologist of the Bureau, which will prevent anyone from seeing in or out of the windows while the Board is in session.

A stenographic pool has been created in which most of the stenographers of the division will be under the direct supervision of the head clerk. The mailing of the bulk mail for field offices, as well as schedules going direct to crop reporters, will be handled in the basement.

#### TEXAN GRAIN GRADING SCHOOL DRAWS LARGE ATTENDANCE.

The 2-day grain grading school, which was held under the auspices of the Amarillo Grain Exchange in cooperation with the Texas Technological College, the Plainview Grain Exchange, the Lubbock Grain Exchange, the Santa Fe Railroad, and this Bureau, at Amarillo, Texas, June 3 and 4, attracted 186 to its classes. These men represented farmers, elevator operators, and grain men. E. L. Morris, division supervisor of the Kansas City office of the Grain Division, gave very thorough instruction in grain grading, and C. M. Griffith, district supervisor of the division at Fort Worth, took equal pains in informing the men of the Federal grain supervision work.

The school was enthusiastically received by the State people, Mr. Morris, reports. The Great West Mill & Elevator Company, a subsidiary of the General Mills Company, sent their twenty-eight buyers to the two-day classes, and the Farmers National Grain Corporation sent their representatives from the Panhandle section of the State. Two grain buyers from Abilene came a distance of 275 miles to the school. Mr. Morris states that he has found from this school and a similar school held in Kansas recently that elevator managers and grain shippers at country points are eager to learn by actual practice the interpretations of supervisors and licensed inspectors on various factors of grading.

#### BUREAU NOON-HOUR RADIO BROADCASTING PROGRAM.

The national radio program of the Department is broadcast daily, except Sundays, from 12:45 to 1:10 p.m., eastern standard time. The following members of the Bureau are on the program for the week beginning June 27:

June 27, 12:53 p.m., E. J. Working, The World Wheat Situation  
June 28, 1:05 p.m., Roy C. Potts, June Poultry and Egg Markets  
June 29, 12:54 p.m., L. M. Davis, June Dairy Markets  
1:00 p.m., G. A. Collier, The Domestic Wheat Situation  
July 1, 12:54 p.m., A. B. Genung, Comments on the Agricultural  
Situation

The western radio program of the Department is broadcast daily ,except Saturdays and Sundays, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., Pacific standard time. Field members of the Bureau are on this program for the week beginning June 27, as follows:

June 27, 12:33 p.m., Frank L. Lyons, The Grain Market Situation  
June 29, 12:33 p.m., W. E. Schneider, June Livestock and Meat  
Markets

June 30, 12:35 p.m., Frank L. Lyons, June Alfalfa Markets

July 1, 12:33 p.m., Carl J. Hansen, On Fruit and Vegetable Markets

According to the office of Mr. Salisbury, in charge of the Radio Service of the Department, the Department program for the week of June 27 may be interrupted by the National Democratic Convention, which meets in Chicago the same week.

#### BUREAU BREVITIES.

ECONOMIC UTILIZATION OF MARGINAL LANDS in Nicholas and Webster Counties, W. Va., is discussed in Technical Bulletin 303, now off the press. Millard Peck, formerly of the Division of Land Economics, is the senior author. This study was the first of several projects having similar general objectives now under way in Kentucky, Pennsylvania, and Vermont. Topics covered include geographic characteristics of the area, economic development and organization, differentiation of farm and other land, relation of soil type and topography to farm economy, effect of soil type and size of farm on farm income, community as a factor in drawing the line between farm and other land, and forestry aspects of the problem. A proposed economic program is outlined with suggestions as to the extent of area to which the result of this study probably apply. Among other illustrations are three folding maps ,two of which are in color. Among those to whom credit is given are O. M. Johnson, F. J. Marschner, and Margaret A. Charters, all of the Division of Land Economics.

#### IN CONGRESS:

H. J. Res. 418, authorizing the distribution of government-owned wheat and cotton to the American National Red Cross and other organizations \*\*\* has passed the House.

#### New Bills:

H.R.12594, by Mr. Karch, to liquidate and refinance agricultural indebtedness \*\*\*\*\*by providing for refinancing of farm mortgages at a reduced rate of interest \*\*\*.

H. J. Res. 434, by Mr. Fulmer, to authorize and direct the Secretary of Agriculture to provide additional facilities for the classification of cotton under the U. S. Cotton standards act and for the dissemination of market news information.

H. R. 12645, by Mr. Jones, to provide for the issuance of agricultural export debentures. \*\*\*.



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Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending June 17 are:

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Thesis (Ph.D) - New York University.

Cornell university. College of agriculture. Dept. of agricultural economics and farm management. Multiple correlation analysis as applied to farm management research. Prepared by S. W. Warren. Ithaca, N.Y., 1931. 25p. 251 C812 Mimeographed.

Dunlap, Jack Wilbur and Kurtz, Albert K. Handbook of statistical nomographs, tables, and formulas. Yonkers-on-Hudson, New York, World book company, 1932. 163p. (Measurement and adjustment series, edited by Lewis M. Terman) 325 D92.

Gestetner, Leo and Hauer, E. Die ursachen der Osterreichischen agrarkrise und deren behebung. Wien und Leipzig, C. Gerold's sohn, 1931. 102p. 281.177 G33

League of nations. Economic committee. Report to the Economic committee on the meeting of experts on hops (February 22-24th, 1932) [Geneva, 1932] 13p. 281.270 L47 Mimeographed.

Longobardi, Cesare. Pax cereris; a study on the organization and working of the International institute of agriculture in the light of its first 25 years of life. Le Caire, Imprimerie E. & R. Schindler, 1932. 34p. "Extrait de l'Egypt contemporaine, revue de la Société royale d'économie politique, de statistique et de législation, t. XXIII."

National bureau of economic research. Report of the president and report of the directors of research, for the year 1931. New York, 1932. 42p.

Reeves, Cuthbert E. The appraisal of urban land and buildings; a working manual for city assessors... second edition. New York, 1931. 160p. (Municipal administration service. Publication, no. 11, 2d. ed.) 280.9 P96 no. 11 2d ed.

Salter, Sir Arthur Calvell. Recovery, the second effort. New York, The Century co. [1932] 353p. 280 Sa33

Société des fermes francaises de Tunisie. Trente-deux ans de colonisation nord-africaine. Paris, Société d'éditions géographiques, maritimes et coloniales [1931] 169p. 281.19 Sol

Thornton, M. K. Cottonseed products. Wharton, Texas, Oil mill gazette [1932] 268p. 72 T392

HERE AND THERE.

Mr. Kitchen and Roy C. Potts were in New York City on Wednesday of last week to confer with a committee of the New York Live Poultry Commission Merchants Association in regard to continuing the live and dressed poultry inspection work in cooperation with that Association. They report that satisfactory arrangements were made.

Both Mr. Englund and Dr. L. C. Gray will attend the second conference on economic policy for agriculture, which will meet at the University of Chicago from June 22 to 25, inclusive. Mr. Englund will take part in that section of the program relating to farm tax relief, giving a paper on "Farm Tax Relief: Its Federal Aspects." This paper will deal in part with problems of coordinating State and Federal systems of taxation. He will also serve as chairman of a committee to consider problems related to farm taxation. Doctor Gray is not on the program, but will participate in discussions of the meeting.

Mr. Hughes is expected to return to Washington today from a brief trip to New York and Boston where he took up questions relating to office quarters of divisions represented in those cities.

C. W. Crickman, E. B. Hurd and O. V. Wells returned last week to their work in the Division of Farm Management and Costs, having completed a year's graduate study at Harvard University under the fellowships awarded them last year by the Social Science Research Council. Wm. H. Rowe, of the Division of Agricultural Finance, who was similarly honored with a fellowship, likewise has completed work at Harvard University, and returned to the office on Monday.

G. L. Crawford, Division of Cotton Marketing, left Washington June 18 for the South and Southwest, where he will continue the study of the quality of cotton grown in the southwestern part of the United States. He will be in the field about two months.

Early apples will start moving from Delaware about July 1, therefore the Division of Fruits and Vegetables expects to send F. S. Zimmerman of the New York office to Delaware to handle the supervision and shipping point inspection work.

Dr. L. C. Gray, in charge of the Division of Land Economics has been appointed chairman of the Committee on Valuation of Lands in the Flood Control Area to succeed W. W. Ashe of the Forest Service, whose death occurred recently.

L. H. Bean, Division of Statistical and Historical Research, is participating in the June 22 session of the meeting of the Econometric Society, which is being held in Syracuse, N. Y., this week. He will discuss the agricultural situation.



A training class in the grading of canned fruits and vegetables is being conducted this week in Washington under the direction of Paul M. Williams, in charge of this phase of the work of the Division of Fruits and Vegetables. The following five field members of the division are receiving instructions: H. A. Bowers, Cincinnati; K. S. Branch, Cleveland; J. E. Dickerson, Indianapolis; J. B. Owens, Chicago; and W. F. Plummer, Boston.

G. A. Collier, Division of Hay, Feed, and Seed, will leave Washington, June 26, for the Central and Far Western States and other important markets, where he will visit the division's field offices and commercial correspondents for the purpose of outlining market news programs for the coming fiscal year on grain, hay, feed, rice beans, and broomcorn.

M. R. Cooper, Division of Farm Management and Costs, conferred with representatives of the Agricultural Experiment Stations of Virginia, West Virginia and Pennsylvania, in Winchester, Va., June 15, in regard to the cooperative study of the place of the orchard in the organization of the farm which is now under way in the Cumberland-Shenandoah region.

B. F. McCarthy, in charge of the New York office of the Division of Livestock, Meats, and Wool, addressed the State convention of the Retail Meat Dealers' Association of New York State on June 7 on the difficulties arising out of the wide variations in methods of cutting meat, the advantages of grading and stamping, and ethical methods of doing business in the retail field. Excerpts of Mr. McCarthy's speech are carried in The National Provisioner of June 11, pages 46 and 47.

S. Garrett Swain, Warehouse Division, spent several days last week on a trip to Frederick, Walkersville, and Woodbine, Md., where he inspected canned foods warehouses that are licensed under the U. S. Warehouse Act. This week Mr. Swain is inspecting licensed warehouses in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware.

T. A. Sommers, Grain Division, is on a trip to Martinsburg and Charles Town, West Virginia, today, for the purpose of conferring with representatives of the State Bureau of Markets and arranging for inspection service on wheat.

The official station of Harvey Huntington, Division of Livestock, Meats, and Wool, is being changed from Sioux City, Iowa, to Chicago, Illinois, effective June 27.

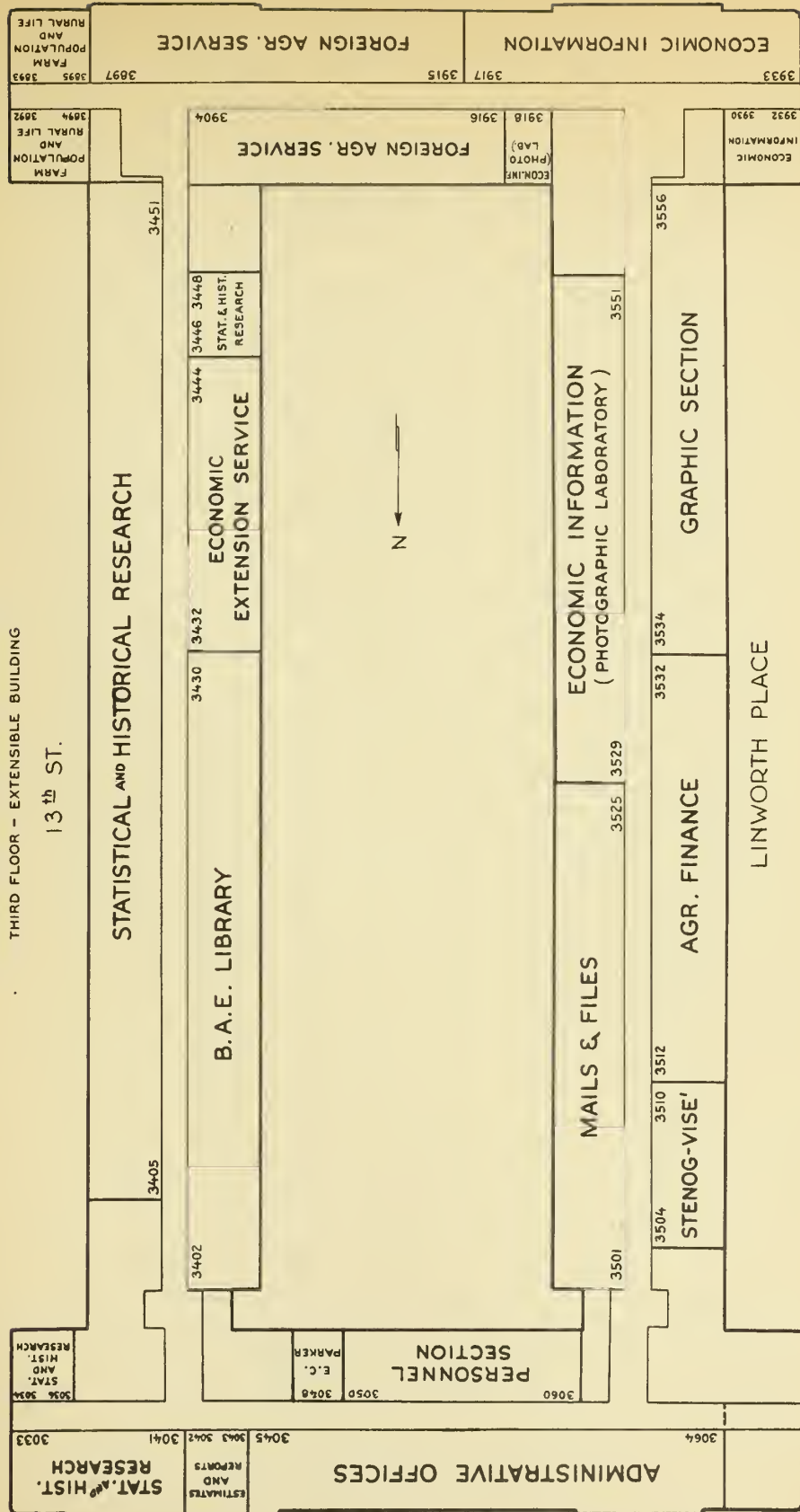
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Potatoes are expected to begin moving from Kansas earlier this season than usual, consequently shipping point inspection work is scheduled to start shortly after July 1. V. V. Westgate of the Omaha office of the Division of Fruits and Vegetables will supervise this work, making his headquarters at Topeka during July and most of August.

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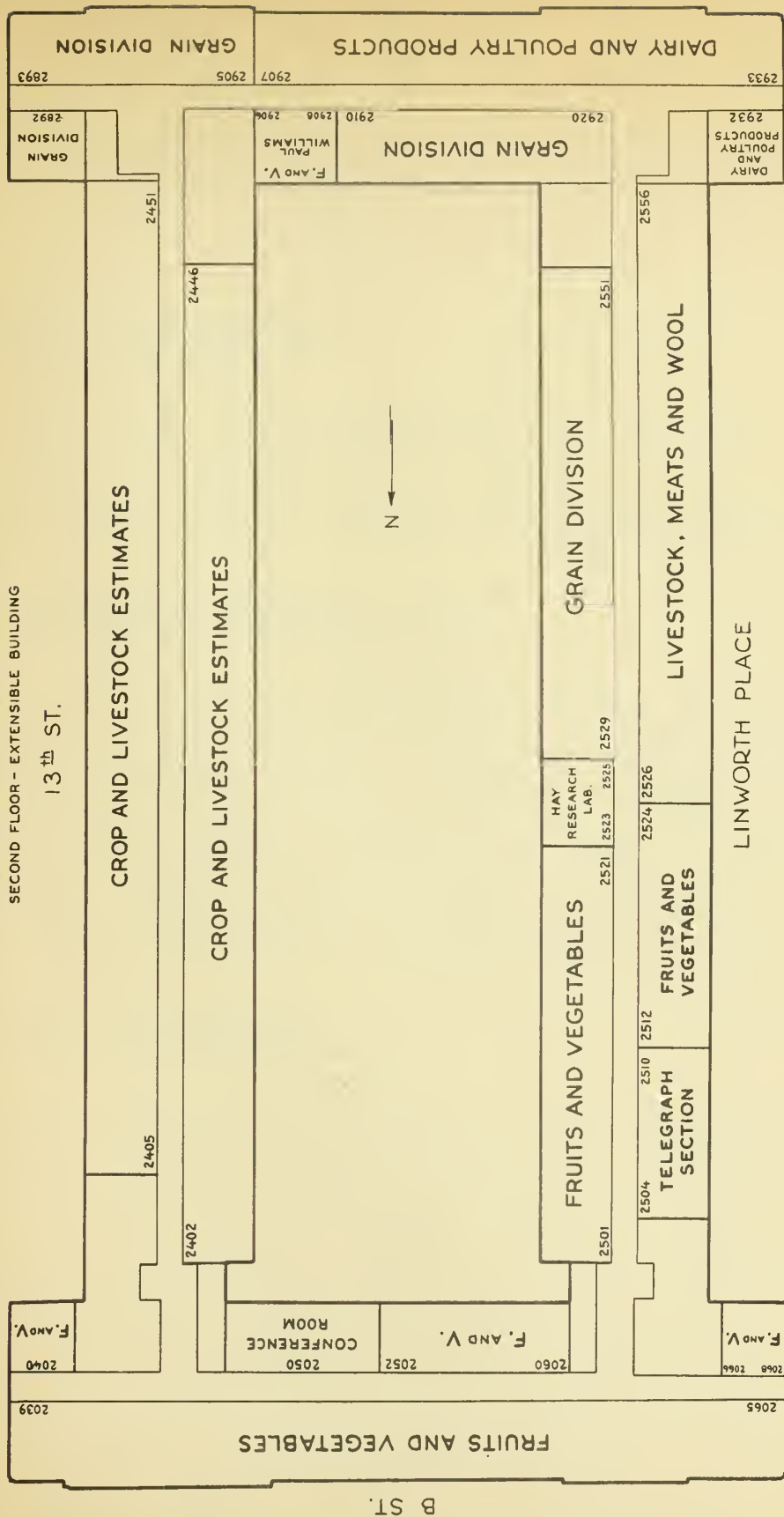




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## ADMINISTRATION OF FURLOUGHS TO BE ANNOUNCED.

The passage of the Economy Bill by the Senate appears to assure its becoming a law, July 1.

As this issue of the B. A. E. NEWS goes to press the Administrative Office is unable to announce what the procedure will be under the act. Full details are expected to be worked out by next week.

## AGRICULTURAL SITUATION REPORT BEING MADE BY LAND GRANT COMMITTEE.

The committee of the Association of Land Grant Colleges is working in the Bureau this week preparing the outline for a report on the agricultural situation. The committee includes the following: Dean Thomas P. Cooper, chairman, University of Kentucky; Dean H. W. Mumford of the University of Illinois; Dr. G. F. Warren of Cornell University; M. L. Wilson of Montana; H. R. Tolley of California; and L. N. Duncan of Alabama. All are present this week except Mr. Duncan. L. H. Bean is working with the committee and will assist in gathering material from the Bureau for the report, which is to be completed next fall previous to the annual meeting of the Land Grant Colleges.

## TRAINING CLASS IN GRADING CANNED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

A training class in the grading of canned fruits and vegetables was held in the Washington office last week under the direction of Paul M. Williams, in charge of this branch of the Fruit and Vegetable Division.

Field members of the division attending the course were: J. E. Dickerson, Indianapolis; K. S. Branch, Cleveland; and H. A. Bowers, Cincinnati, all food products inspectors. E. P. Bostwick, Chicago, and J. C. Bigger, Philadelphia, canned food graders, and J. B. Owens of the Chicago market news service were also in attendance.

Mr. Sherman, in charge of the Fruit and Vegetable Division, and R. C. Butner, in charge of the fresh fruit and vegetable inspection service, greeted the class on the opening day, and gave addresses.

Instruction covered the grading of the major items of canned vegetables including canned corn, peas, tomatoes, snap beans, Lima beans, spinach, pumpkin, and beets. Classes were conducted by Mr. Williams, assisted by L. M. Billman, of the Washington office, and by E. P. Bostwick and J. G. Bigger.

This training was given in preparation for the grading service to be offered at the branch markets represented by those in attendance.



FRESS CLIPPINGS REQUESTED  
FROM FIELD OFFICES.

To obtain a more adequate press-clipping service for the Bureau and for the Department as a whole, field employees are requested to forward promptly to Mr. Marquis any press items they may see pertaining to the work of the Bureau or to any other branches of the Department. Keeping all workers fully informed of what the press is publishing about various branches of official work is highly desirable.

The clippings likely to be most useful are those found in local newspapers, agricultural journals, trade publications, magazines, or other periodicals. Not all of such publications are received by the Department in Washington. The Department is interested in the entire field of agriculture and allied fields such as forestry, good roads, and other lines of work covered by the Department's activities.

It is requested that workers simply clip the items, indicate the name of the publication from which taken, and the date of issue, and forward the items to Mr. Marquis. No letter of transmittal is necessary. Some duplication of items may result, of course, but in the case of notices affecting the work of more than one branch of the Department, this will be advantageous. The cooperation of all is requested in the development and maintainance of this service.

BUREAU NOON-HOUR RADIO  
BROADCASTING PROGRAM.

The national radio program of the Department is broadcast daily except Sundays, from 12:45 to 1:10 p.m., eastern standard time. The following members of the Bureau are on the program for the week beginning July 4:

July 5, 12:54 p.m., W. A. Wheeler, The Hay Market Situation

July 6, 1:05 p.m., L. A. Wheeler, Farm News from Foreign Lands

July 8, 12:54 p.m., D. A. McCandliss, Report of the Cotton Crop Report

The western radio program of the Department is broadcast daily, except Saturdays and Sundays, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., Pacific standard time. Field members of the Bureau are on this program for the week beginning July 5, as follows:

July 5, 12:34 p.m., Frank H. McCampbell, The Dairy Market Situation

July 6, 12:34 p.m., W. E. Schneider, Summary of Early Spring Lamb  
Marketing

July 8, 12:33 p.m., Carl J. Hansen, On Fruit and Vegetable Markets

AIR-MAIL POSTAGE RATES CHANGED.

The air-mail postage rate under the new domestic rates that become effective July 6, 1932, will be 8 cents for the first ounce or fraction thereof and 13 cents for each additional ounce or fraction thereof. Those who are concerned with the sending of official correspondence by air mail, are asked to consider these increased rates before forwarding mail in this way.

PROPOSED CHANGES IN TECHNICAL  
BULLETINS AND CIRCULARS.

At a recent conference of Department editors the general sentiment was strongly against making any change in the designations of our present series of Department publications, but there was strong sentiment for revising the descriptions of the Technical Bulletins and Circulars along the lines as presented.

Technical Bulletins: Technical Bulletins should contain reports and results of research and experimentation, including variety and fertilizer tests, crop and milk yields, and breeding results; economic and other comprehensive surveys; and technical discussions or compilations (exclusive of purely statistical data and bibliographies). Ordinarily these will be intended primarily for specialists, research workers, teachers, advanced students, and technicians engaged in the scientific phases of agriculture and related work or interested in the acquisition or dissemination of fundamental, technical information underlying the development of agriculture and related subjects.

Circulars: Circulars should carry in brief form the material of semitechnical or of popular nature intended primarily for special groups or for limited or temporary distribution. Material too technical for Leaflets, but not suitable for Technical Bulletins, and that too restricted in scope, too limited in application, too narrow in range of interest, or too ephemeral in value for Farmers' Bulletins, should be published in this series. In general, papers describing methods, apparatus, equipment, technic, procedure, observations, diseases, insects, parasites, new varieties, crops and crop culture and marketing for specialized operators or growers, and any special conditions or phases of agriculture requiring specific discussion should be issued as Circulars.

During the next six months careful study will be made of this matter and of the distinguishing features between Technical Bulletins and Circulars as here outlined. If the practical experience during that period is favorable to the new characterizations the approval of the Director of Information of the Department will then be obtained for the printing of these revisions in the Administrative Regulations, with such slight modifications as may seem desirable. In the meantime the Department will operate on the new basis as far as these series are concerned.

DID YOU KNOW THAT

California now has a pink lemon? This variety comes from Burbank, Calif., and the rind, flesh, and juice are pink. A salmon-tint Honey Ball melon, which is said to have excellent flavor has been developed in the Imperial Valley of California.

On the New Orleans produce market, a so-called fiberless mango has made its appearance, with promises of a better fruit than the average mango. The variety, is known as the peach mango, because of its similiarity to the flesh of a ripe peach, and is of somewhat the same consistency.



BUREAU BREVITIES.

A REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FARM AND VILLAGE HOUSING of the President's Conference on Home Building and Home Ownership, which met in December, 1931, is soon to appear in printed form. Those interested in this report will address Dr. Bruce L. Melvin, secretary of the committee, Commerce Building, Washington, D. C. Members of this Bureau who assisted with the work of the committee are V. N. Valgren, Division of Agricultural Finance; M. R. Cooper, Division of Farm Management and Costs; J. C. Folsom, Division of Land Economics; and H. W. Hawthorne, Division of Farm Management and Costs.

THE RECENT TOBACCO GRADING DEMONSTRATION, conducted by E. D. McDowell, supervisor of the Tobacco Section at Clarksville, Tenn., has been complimented, according to H. Bruce Price, head of the Department of Markets and Rural Finance of the University of Kentucky, who writes Mr. McDowell: "I have received several complimentary comments from the men who attended the tobacco grading school held at Hopkinsville recently and I am taking this opportunity to thank you for the splendid cooperation which you gave our specialists in making the conference successful. The specialists and agents who attended the conference felt that they received a great deal of good from it and I feel confident that they will be better able to assist the cooperative movement and the grading service as a result of it."

REVIEWERS OF THE SYSTEMATIC SOURCE BOOK IN RURAL SOCIOLOGY, of which Dr. C. J. Galpin, in charge of the Division of Farm Population and Rural Life, is joint author with Doctors Sorokin and Zimmerman, have been generous in their praise. Two volumes of this study are already available to the public and the third volume is now printed and soon will be released by the University of Minnesota Press. Such comments as the following, taken from one of many favorable reviews, must be gratifying indeed to the authors: "I rather fear, I shouldn't spend too many pages for reviewing one book, but this book is made up of three volumes, each volume of the set being more than 600 pages, and the work being of a monumental grade. The rural sociology in America which has been aimlessly wandering has attained a mountain's height because of this book, and therefore one is going to review it in a long article."

Dr. Eitaro Suzuki, leading sociologist of Japan, in "Sociology," Proceedings of the Japanese Sociological Society, #2 (Study of Social Mobility), November, 1931, Tokyo.

Other highly commendatory reviews of this book have been made by Carl M. Rosenquist, The American Economic Review, March, 1932; Prof. V. Smetanka, translated from: "Vestnik Ceskoslovenske Akademie Zemedelske" Rocznik VIII, Cislo I, Leden, 1932, (January, 1932); G. A. Works, The Library Quarterly, Vol. I, April, 1931, No. 2; Nels Anderson, Outlook and Independent, February 4, 1931; Clinton Rogers Woodruff, Saturday Review of Literature, New York City, September 12, 1931; and S. H. Hobbs, Jr., Social Forces, March, 1932.

THE NUMBER OF RESEARCH PROJECTS in progress in the Division of Farm Population and Rural Life this year are 25. Of these 21 are in cooperation with various colleges and universities. As a result of these studies, eight bulletins by the colleges cooperating are expected off the press by fall and eleven manuscripts to be ready for print by that time. Some projects will require more than one bulletin to take care of the study.

#### IN CONGRESS

H. R. 7912, the agricultural appropriation bill, has been returned to conference. All points in disagreement have been agreed to except the Senate amendment providing an appropriation for grasshopper control.

The conference report on H. R. 11267, the legislative bill, which includes the economy bill, is before the Senate for further consideration of the items affecting Federal employees.

H. R. 9590, by Mr. Jones, to amend the act entitled "An act to provide for the collection and publication of statistics of tobacco by the Department of Agriculture has been passed by the House and referred to the Senate Committee on Agriculture.

S. 4780, by Senator Black, to provide that advances under the Reconstruction Finance Corporation act may be made for crop planting or crop cultivation\*\*\*\*during the year 1932, has passed both Houses with amendments.

#### New Bills

H. R. 12730, by Mr. Kleberg, to provide temporary aid to agriculture for the relief of the existing national economic emergency.

#### HERE AND THERE.

Roy C. Potts, in charge of the Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, discussed the possibility of employing a more simplified and direct method of grading creamery butter at one of the sessions of the meeting of the American Dairy Science Association, which is being held in Lexington, Ky., from June 28 to 30. It was expected that there will be more than 300 representatives of State agricultural colleges in attendance at this meeting.

Frank B. Wilkinson, Tobacco Section, is spending this week in the Carolinas where he will discuss plans for the tobacco grading service for the coming season. At Mullins and at Darlington, S. C., he will address meetings of farmers, warehousemen, and others. He will return to Washington on June 30.

Arthur C. Ringland, Forestry Specialist in Europe of the Foreign Agricultural Service, returned to Washington from London, early this week.



Thomas W. Heitz, Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, has gone to Ohio and Indiana to arrange for egg standardization and grading service. In Ohio this work will be in cooperation with the State Department of Agriculture, and in Indiana, with Purdue University.

Word has been received that Dr. L. M. Vaughan, Agricultural Economics Extension Unit, who left Washington on June 8 for a trip through the New England States, was stricken with typhoid at Rhode Island, his first stop, where he continues quite ill.

A. G. Risser, recently of the Chicago office of Fruits and Vegetables, will travel to several Central and Western States during the next ten weeks to confer with field representatives of the Bureau and with licensees under the Perishable Agricultural Commodity Act regarding the enforcement of the act.

A. M. McDowell, also of the Chicago office, will be on a similar trip through Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, and New York.

The Grain Division reports that although the grain business may be poor, the marriage business is good in Omaha. Jesse W. Sorenson of that office was married to Miss Muriel Kennedy of Council Bluffs, Iowa, on June 11, and Elmo A. Shaw, also of the Omaha office, and Miss Winnie Stucker, were married on March 20.

H. H. Wooten, Division of Land Economics, is attending the meeting of the National Association of Real Estate Boards in Cincinnati this week, and will read a paper on Appraisal Methods and Need for an Appraisers' Organization. Mr. Wooten is an appraiser on the Mississippi Flood Control Valuation Project of the Bureau, stationed at Cairo, Ill.

George A. Dunagin, in charge of the Atlanta office of the Division of Cotton Marketing, has just completed a short visit to Washington to discuss with officials of the division the progress of the work under his direction.

The Library of the Bureau has now moved to the space assigned in the New Extensible Building, east corridor, in Rooms 3402 to 3430. The Main Library of the Department is being moved this week into the Extensible Building, also.

T.C.J. Baker, of the Fruit and Vegetable Container project, left Washington on Wednesday and is making a brief trip to various points in Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois and Missouri, where he is making investigations under the Standard Container Acts.

Monday, July 4, will be observed as a holiday in all offices.